



WATERWISE LANDSCAPE REBATE MULTI-FAMILY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Austin Water's **WaterWise Landscape Rebate*** helps multi-family homeowners associations convert turf grass to native plant beds. **You must get pre-approval from Austin Water before beginning work.*

SAVINGS

- WaterWise landscaping can reduce or end the need for extra watering.

REBATE AMOUNT

- Up to \$5,000 per property (*lifetime limit*)
 - \$25 for every 100 square feet (*1,000 sq. ft. minimum*) converted
- Rebate amount may not exceed total amount of eligible project costs

ELIGIBILITY

- **Applicant:**
 - Be a multi-family homeowners association (*HOA*) with water service from Austin Water or a **qualifying water provider**
 - Must share one water meter or one irrigation meter
 - Apply for pre-approval prior to purchasing or installing any project materials
 - One application accepted per 12-month period
 - May reapply every 12 months for more areas until the lifetime limit is reached
 - Must have property owner's permission to apply (*if not the owner*)
 - Agree to pre- and post-installation inspections by Austin Water
 - Willing to let Austin Water track your water use and refer to the project in outreach materials
- **Conversion Area:**
 - Must convert at least 1,000 sq. ft.
 - 75% of area must have healthy turf grass at the time of application
 - Conversions in the right-of-way or in stormwater credit areas are not eligible
 - Cannot alter or modify city-approved screening and buffering areas
 - Must use native/adapted plants from the **Grow Green Plant Guide** (*Austin Water must approve any substitutions*)
 - Cannot replace turf grass with another type of turf grass
 - Must have at least 50% plant cover (*at plant maturity*)
 - Must install plants between Mar 15 – May 15 and/or Sept 15- Nov 15
 - Plant beds and mulch hardscape areas must be top dressed with at least 2-3 inches of organic mulch
 - Irrigation system must be capped off or changed to drip or low-use bubblers after conversion
 - No new permanent irrigation system may be installed
 - No gravel or stone may be used

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CHECKLIST

- Meet all eligibility requirements
- Submit application for pre-approval **before you buy or install any materials** and include:
 - Pre-installation Photos:** show complete conversion area
 - Site Plan:** show property lines, existing plants, locations/dimensions of buildings, streets, sidewalks, driveways, and proposed conversion area (*must show accurate square footage – see the [Conversion Area Measurement Guide](#) for help*)
 - Planting Plan:** list the types of plants that you want to use, include their mature spread, and sketch their proposed location (*does not have to be to scale*)
 - IRS Form W-9**
 - Send application materials to:
Mail: Austin Water Conservation, PO Box 1088, Austin, TX 78767
Email: watercon@austintexas.gov
Fax: 512-974-3504
- Complete a pre-inspection (*if required*)
- Wait to receive a pre-approval letter from Austin Water
- Once you receive the pre-approval letter:
 - Buy materials and convert the area to a WaterWise landscape
 - Wait until the approved dates to install any plants
 - Submit photos showing finished work and itemized, dated, **paid-in-full** receipts/invoices with vendor contact information to Austin Water
- Complete a post-inspection (*if required*)
- Wait 6-8 weeks for your Austin Water rebate check

RESOURCES

- [WaterWise Landscape Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Conversion Area Measurement Guide](#)
- [Sample Site & Planting Plans](#)
- [WaterWise Landscape Yard Samples](#)

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Austin Water Account # (leave blank if unavailable)
Or Qualifying Water Provider Name: _____

Name of Applicant:
(account holder or property owner) _____

Property Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address:
(if different) _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

REBATE INFORMATION

Current Irrigation Method: Automatic Hose-end Sprinkler Hand Water None

Current Turf Grass: _____

Proposed Conversion Area (sq.ft): _____

Estimated Start Date: _____ Estimated Completion Date: _____

Person or Company Installing: _____

How did you hear about the rebate program? Austin Water website Social media
 Radio/TV advertisement Word of mouth
 Newsletter Other: _____

REBATE AGREEMENT

I certify that all statements and representations contained in this application are true, correct, and complete. I have read and understand the rebate eligibility requirements. I have completed each of the required items on the rebate checklist and submitted all required items. I understand that incomplete applications will not be processed. Austin Water reserves the right to cancel or modify the program without notice. Rebates are subject to funding availability.

Signature

Date

WaterWiseAustin.org | watercon@austintexas.gov | 512-974-2199 ext. 4

CITY OF AUSTIN USE ONLY

Eligible Square Footage: _____ / 100 = _____ x \$25 = \$ _____ Rebate

Inspected By: _____ Inspection Date: _____ Pass/ Fail