

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

## SAVINGS

- Your new WaterWise landscape can reduce or end the need for extra watering.

## REBATE AMOUNT

- Up to \$1,750 per property (*lifetime limit*)
  - \$35 for every 100 square feet (*500 sq. ft minimum*) converted
- Rebate amount may not exceed total amount of eligible project costs

## ELIGIBILITY

- **Applicant:**
  - Be a residential customer of Austin Water or a **qualifying water provider**
  - Apply for pre-approval from Dec 1 - Mar 31 (*for spring rebate*) and/or Jun 1 – Sept 30 (*for fall rebate*)
    - One application accepted per pre-approval period
    - May apply in other periods for more areas until the \$1,750 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 500 sq. ft.
    - 75% of area must have healthy turf grass at the time of application
  - 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 from Mar 15 – May 15 (*for spring rebate*) and Sept 15- Nov 15 (*for fall rebate*)
  - Plant beds must be top dressed with at least 2-3 inches of organic mulch
  - Existing irrigation systems must be capped off or changed to drip or low-use bubblers
  - No new permanent irrigation system may be installed in the conversion area
  - Gravel paths may not be over 3 feet wide
  - Gravel patios may not be over 200 square feet in area
  - No gravel between sidewalk and street
  - No water features allowed
  - It is the responsibility of the homeowner to comply with any applicable homeowner association (HOA) requirements. A conflict between these guidelines and HOA requirements may result in the denial of a rebate application

# WATERWISE LANDSCAPE RESIDENTIAL REBATE

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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*)
  - Send application materials to:
    - Mail:** Austin Water Conservation, PO Box 1088, Austin, TX 78767
    - Email:** [watercon@austintexas.gov](mailto: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 (*see eligibility*)
  - 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

## QUESTIONS?

[WaterWise Landscape Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Conversion Area Measurement Guide](#)

[Sample Site & Planting Plans](#)

[WaterWise Landscape Yard Samples](#)

**WATERWISE LANDSCAPE RESIDENTIAL REBATE APPLICATION****APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Austin Water Account #  
*(leave blank if unavailable)* Or  
 Qualifying Water Provider Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner  Utility Account Holder\*  Both

*\*Account holders that are not the property owner must submit a letter from the owner giving permission to participate.*

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: \_\_\_\_\_

**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. 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

**CITY OF AUSTIN USE ONLY:**

Eligible Square Footage: \_\_\_\_\_ / 100 = \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Rebate

Inspected By: \_\_\_\_\_ Inspection Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Pass/ Fail