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Application Package

Instructions

1. **PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN STARTED OR ALREADY COMPLETED PRIOR TO REBATE RESERVATION APPROVAL ARE NOT ELIGIBLE.**
2. Read the program terms and conditions and the guidelines provided with this package. Check the Garden Spot page on www.bewaterwise.com for design ideas, plant selection, and irrigation information. If you are unsure of local landscaping requirements, contact your city code enforcement officer and homeowners' association (if applicable).
3. To request a rebate reservation, submit the following:
 - ☐ Original completed, signed Application Part 1 (Rebate Reservation)
 - ☐ Copy of your recent water bill
 - ☐ 4-5 current color photos of each area where you plan to remove turf (please label with name, address, location, and date picture was taken)

Keep a copy for your records. Photos will not be returned.
4. You may be contacted by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California or your water agency to schedule a pre-conversion site visit.
5. If your application is approved, SoCal Water\$mart will provide you with a rebate reservation number and anticipated rebate amount. Rebates are only processed after verification by Metropolitan, its contractor, or agent that the approved project has been completed.
6. Upon receipt of your rebate reservation number, you may begin your project. You will have 120 days to complete the work.
7. When the project is completed, submit the following:
 - ☐ Original completed signed Application Part 2 (Rebate Request)
 - ☐ 4-5 current color photos of each area where turf was removed and replaced with shrubs, ground cover, mulch, permeable paths and permeable hardscape as applicable (please label with name, address, location, and date picture was taken)

Keep a copy for your records. Photos will not be returned.
8. You may be contacted by Metropolitan or your water agency to schedule a post-conversion site visit.



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Terms and Conditions

Your water agency may have additional terms and conditions. If applicable, the requirements are included with this application package.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Rebates are available for residential properties only (single-family detached homes, townhomes, duplexes, triplexes and fourplexes) that have received an approved rebate reservation number. Projects that have been started or already completed prior to rebate reservation approval are not eligible.
2. The residential property must receive water service from a participating Metropolitan member agency or retail agency.
3. Areas to be converted must have live turf being irrigated with potable water at the time the rebate reservation number is provided. Areas irrigated with recycled water are not eligible.
4. Only property owners may apply for the rebate.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONVERTED AREA

Upon completion, the converted area must meet the following requirements:

1. The area does not include any live turf or other turf-looking grasses. (Synthetic turf is an approved option for certain water agencies; please see your agency's requirements in this application. Not all cities allow synthetic turf installation.)
2. All exposed soil must be covered with a minimum 2" layer of mulch, except in areas planted with creeping or rooting groundcovers or directly seeded.
3. Converted areas must be permeable to air and water. Weed barriers must be permeable. Concrete, plastic sheeting or other impermeable surfaces do not qualify.
4. No invasive plant species are used. Invasive plants are identified in the California Invasive Plant Council "Don't Plant a Pest" program (<http://www.cal-ipc.org/landscaping/dpp/pdf/SoCalPrintable.pdf>)
5. Conversions must comply with all applicable laws, codes, policies, covenants, conditions, and restrictions.

PROGRAM TERMS

1. Only one Turf Removal rebate per address will be issued. **Please apply for the maximum area you plan to convert while the rebate reservation is valid (120 days).**
2. At least 250 square feet of turf must be removed. **Projects under 250 square feet will only qualify if they will completely eliminate turf from a property (excluding parkway areas).**
3. The maximum rebate amount is determined by the Metropolitan member agency or retail agency serving the property. The rebate amount per square foot of turf removed and maximum amount will be as stated in the application package.
4. Rebate reservations are valid for 120 days. Projects must be completed and the Rebate Request (Part 2 of the application form) submitted prior to the reservation expiring.
5. Rebates may be considered taxable income. Metropolitan and participating water agencies are not responsible for any taxes that may be imposed as a result of your receipt of any rebate.
6. Converted area and irrigated area measurements are subject to inspection and verification by Metropolitan, its contractor, or agent. If the conversion or measurements cannot be verified, any funds received by the applicant must be returned, including processing costs.
7. The converted area must remain in compliance with all program conditions for a period of 5 years. If this requirement is violated, you may be required to refund all or a portion of the rebate. This requirement is void upon transfer of ownership.



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Part 1 – Rebate Reservation

(limited to one rebate per property)

Applicant Information *(please print)*

Property Owner:	Contact Person (if different):		
Daytime Phone Number:	Email:		
Mailing Address:	City:	State:	Zip:

Project Information

Property type: ☐ Single Family Home ☐ Duplex/Triplex/Fourplex ☐ Townhome	Total Lot Size:		
Property Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Water Agency:	Water Service Account Number (include copy of recent bill):		

Identify area(s) where turf will be removed and estimated square footage (provide 4-5 photos of each area):

☐ Front yard _____ Sq. feet of turf to be removed	☐ Left side yard _____ Sq. feet of turf to be removed
☐ Backyard _____ Sq. feet of turf to be removed	☐ Right side yard _____ Sq. feet of turf to be removed
☐ Parkway (permit may be required) _____	

TOTAL SQ. FEET OF TURF TO BE REMOVED: _____

If under 250 sq. feet, will all turf on site be removed (excluding parkways)? ☐ Yes ☐ No (ineligible for rebate)

How is the turf irrigated now?

☐ Automatic sprinklers ☐ Manual Sprinklers ☐ Hand water ☐ Other _____

What type of irrigation controller do you use?

☐ Automatic controller ☐ Smart controller ☐ None ☐ Other _____

Briefly describe your plan for the converted area (plants to be used, irrigation changes, etc.):

How do you plan to complete your project?

☐ Self ☐ Contractor ☐ Other _____

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Residential Turf Removal Program Application – Part 1

Disclaimer

Metropolitan and participating water agencies make no representation or warranty relating to contracted services or products that may be installed in converted areas, including any hazardous substances that may be contained in the product. Removal of turf and installation of water efficient devices does not guarantee reduced water use. This application is for a rebate only.

By participating in the program, you waive and release Metropolitan, participating water agencies, and their contractors and agents from any and all claims and causes of action arising out of the removal of turf and/or the purchase, installation or use of devices in connection with this Turf Removal rebate program. Any claim you may have based upon any defect or failure of performance of a contracted service or device purchased by you should be pursued with the contractor or manufacturer/distributor.

Metropolitan and participating water agencies only enforce the terms and conditions of the Residential Turf Removal Program. The applicant is responsible for complying with all applicable laws, codes, policies, covenants, conditions, and restrictions that may apply. Quality and appearance of the converted area is the responsibility of the applicant.

Signature (required)

By signing below, the applicant agrees to comply with the program terms and conditions, as well as all Federal, State and local codes, including covenants, conditions and restrictions, as applicable. The applicant has read, understands and agrees to the terms and conditions of the program as outlined and certifies that the information on the application is true and correct.

Property Owner Signature:

Print Name:

Date:

Submit completed application (Part 1) with copy of water bill and labeled photos to:

**SoCal Water\$mart
Turf Removal Program
3800 Watt Avenue, Ste. 105
Sacramento, CA 95821**



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Rebate Reservation No. _____

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Part 2 – Rebate Request

(submit when project complete)

Applicant Information *(please print)*

Property Owner:	Contact Person (if different):		
Daytime Phone Number:	Email:		
Mailing Address:	City:	State:	Zip:

Project Information

Property Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Water Agency:	Water Service Account Number:		

Identify area(s) where turf was removed and actual square footage (provide 4-5 photos of each area):

☐ Front yard _____ Sq. feet of turf removed	☐ Left side yard _____ Sq. feet of turf removed
☐ Backyard _____ Sq. feet of turf removed	☐ Right side yard _____ Sq. feet of turf removed
☐ Parkway (permit may be required) _____ Sq. feet of turf removed	TOTAL SQ. FEET: _____

How is the converted area irrigated now?

☐ Automatic sprinklers ☐ Manual Sprinklers ☐ Hand water ☐ Other _____

What type of irrigation controller do you use?

☐ Automatic controller ☐ Smart controller ☐ None ☐ Other _____

Briefly describe the project (plants used, irrigation changes, etc.):

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How did you complete your project?

☐ Self ☐ Contractor ☐ Other _____

Total Project Cost (optional):

The following information will help us evaluate program water savings:

- 1) How many people reside in your home? _____
- 2) Do you have a pool and/or fountain? Pool: Yes ☐ No ☐ Fountain: Yes ☐ No ☐
- 3) Do you have a vegetable garden: Yes ☐ No ☐
- 4) Are there any additional high water use needs in the home, such as for healthcare? _____

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Residential Turf Removal Program Application – Part 2

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Property Owner Signature:

Print Name:

Date:

Rebate Payment

Make Check Payable to:

☐ Applicant

☐ Contractor

Contractor Company Name:

Contractor Contact Name:

Contractor Phone Number:

Contractor Email:

Contractor Mailing Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Submit completed application (Part 2) with labeled photos to:

**SoCal Water\$mart
Turf Removal Program
3800 Watt Avenue, Ste. 105
Sacramento, CA 95821**

Additional Terms and Conditions



\$1.50 per square foot of turf removed

The maximum rebate amount per address is \$3,000

Synthetic Turf is not eligible for this rebate program

In addition to the terms and conditions included in the Residential Turf Removal Program Application, the following terms and conditions apply to projects within the service area of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power:

- 1) Areas to be converted must have live turf being irrigated with a sprinkler system using potable water for a minimum of one (1) year prior to a rebate reservation being issued.
- 2) Converted area must be either hand-watered (with sprinkler system removed or non-operable) or watered with a drip irrigation system.
- 3) Converted areas must contain California Friendly®/Drought Tolerant plants to create at least 30% landscape coverage at maturity.
- 4) When submitting the Application Part 2 (Rebate Request), applicants must submit at least 2 color photos documenting changes to the irrigation system and installation of a drip irrigation system in each area (if applicable) in addition to the 4-5 color photos of the landscape.
- 5) Total amount to be rebated will not exceed 2,000 square feet of turf removed.
- 6) Please note that by participating in this program customers allow LADWP to publicize the pre- and post-conversion project photographs. (Address will not be published.)
- 7) Participants are responsible to know and adhere to all local codes, ordinances, and covenants in planning, permitting, and installing your project.

Changes to a Parkway

Per Los Angeles Municipal Code, property owners must obtain a permit before altering a parkway in anyway. Parkway are the area between the street and sidewalk. Separate permits are required for replacing existing turf and plants or planting a new street tree. Property owners may be cited if the necessary permit is not obtained.

The City has a Residential Parkway Landscaping Guideline that can be found at:

http://bss.lacity.org/Engineering/pdfs/Residential_Parkway_Landscaping_Guidelines_halflayout.pdf. A property owner who wishes to replace the turf in a parkway must: (1) obtain a permit or a waiver for the project from BOE; (2) Call Robert Gutierrez, Landscape Architect, of the Public Works Bureau of Street Services (213) 847-0881 to discuss the proposed plants; and (3) Submit a plan for review and approval, showing the improvements graphically, calling out the plants to be used, and any details that may be needed to clarify the installation.

The City has an approved list of trees that may be planted in parkways. Property owners must first obtain a permit from the City's Public Works Urban Forestry Division before planting trees. The Street Tree Selection Guide and instructions for obtaining a permit are available on the Urban Forestry Division website at

http://bss.lacity.org/UrbanForestry/index_soyouwanttoplan.htm.

If you have additional program questions, please call SoCal WaterSmart 888-376-3314.