

Lawn Conversion Rebate

Requirements

Plants

- Plants must cover **50% of the converted area** once fully grown. Including a **tree** is recommended (Treebate available!).
- Plants must be **low-water-use**. Check plant water use at: [WUCOLS Plant Search Database](#).
- All **edible plants** are accepted for **standard** rebate projects.
- No artificial turf**, invasive plants, or lawn-like grasses are allowed

Materials

- Planted areas and exposed soil must be covered with at least **3 inches of mulch**.
- New pathways or patios must be **permeable**, allowing water to pass through (e.g. pavers set in sand, gravel, or decomposed granite).
- Non-biodegradable weed barriers are NOT allowed** (landscape fabric, weed cloth, or plastic). Only cardboard or paper may be used.

Irrigation

- Existing sprinklers must be removed, capped, or replaced with a **drip system** or **high-efficiency nozzles**.
- If installed, drip systems must include a **pressure regulator and filter**.
- Plants with different water needs must be placed on **separate irrigation zones**.

Prohibited Installations

- Artificial turf
- Lawn-like grasses
- Plants that need moderate to frequent watering once established
- Plants listed as invasive on [cal-ipc.org](#)
- Concrete, mortared, or glued paths or patios
- Plastic or non-biodegradable weed barriers such as landscape fabric and weed cloth

Standard Rebate \$1 / sq. ft.

Complete all Requirements above.

Super Rebate \$2 / sq. ft.

Complete all Requirements above, **plus:**

- Sheet mulch instead of removing lawn:** layer cardboard, compost, and mulch. See [lawntogarden.org](#).
- Majority California native plants.** Search on [calscape.org](#).
- Plants installed between September and February.**

Documentation

Submit with your application:

1) Before photos of your existing lawn.



2) Submit plant list before purchase and installation.

Plant List	Quantity
Ceanothus 'Yankee Point'	10
Festuca californica	13
Epilobium 'Everett's Choice'	7
Ribes malvaceum 'Dancing Tassels'	3
Cercis occidentalis	1
Arctostaphylos 'Sunset'	2



Water Conservation

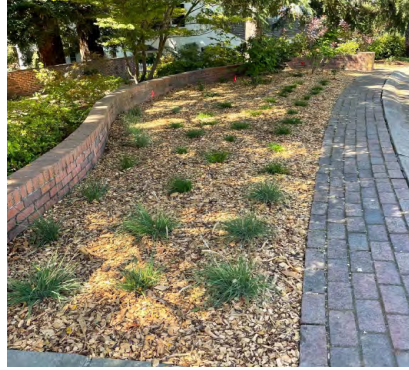
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Submit once your project is complete:

- 3) At least three photos clearly showing the entire lawn area(s) has been converted and minimum 50% plant coverage.



- 4) If drip was installed, photos showing the drip irrigation system, including tubing as well as the pressure regulator and filter components.




- 5) If drip was installed or if you plan to hand-water, a photo that sprinklers have been capped or removed.



- 6) If high-efficiency nozzles were installed, photos showing high-efficiency nozzles **turned on** (must be from [EBMUD's qualifying list](#)). **Plants must not block spray.**



- 7)  Super Rebates: photos of sheet mulching process.

