



# Landscape Rebate Program

## Rebates up to \$2,000 residential \$15,000 commercial

Offer valid between July 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022

EBMUD's landscape rebates support water-wise gardens that thrive in California's summer-dry climate and during drought. Lower your water bill and conserve water when you convert lawn to sustainable landscape and upgrade to high-efficiency irrigation equipment.

When you convert or upgrade your landscape, you:



Save water



Save money



Save time



Reduce waste

### HOW TO GET STARTED IN THREE STEPS:

1

Choose your rebate:  
Lawn Conversion,  
Irrigation Equipment,  
or both!

2

Send in a completed  
application form and rebate  
checklist to EBMUD.

3

Wait for EBMUD approval  
before beginning work.

### REBATE TYPES:

#### Lawn Conversion

- Standard
- Super
- Median strips  
(for commercial customers)

#### Efficient Irrigation Equipment

- Smart Irrigation Controller
- Drip Conversion
- High-Efficiency Rotating Nozzles
- Pressure Regulator
- Irrigation Submeter

### RESOURCES FOR A SUCCESSFUL PROJECT:

- 💡 Low-water plants for our local climate: [ebmud.com/plants](http://ebmud.com/plants)
- 💡 Garden design and maintenance guidance: [ebmud.com/watersmart-gardener](http://ebmud.com/watersmart-gardener)
- 💡 Tutorials and marketplace for sheet mulching: [lawntogarden.org](http://lawntogarden.org)

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# Landscape Rebate Program Application

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## Eligibility:

- Rebates are reserved for landscaped areas currently irrigated by an active potable EBMUD water service.
- EBMUD rebates are subject to terms, conditions, and available program funding. Please read the entire application carefully.
- Rebates are issued as credits applied to the EBMUD water service account and may take up to 8 weeks to process.
- Combined lawn conversion and irrigation equipment rebates will be issued together whenever possible.
- Maximum rebate amounts within a 24-month period are \$2,000 for residential properties up to 4 units, and \$15,000 for commercial, municipal, and multi-family properties over 4 units.

Return completed form to: [waterconservation@ebmud.com](mailto:waterconservation@ebmud.com) or  
EBMUD Landscape Rebate Program, P.O. Box 24055, MS 109, Oakland, CA 94623-1055

## Customer Information

### Property is:

☐ Residential single- or  
multi-family 4 units or less  
**Maximum possible rebate: \$2,000**

☐ Multi-family over 4 units,  
municipal, or commercial  
**Maximum possible rebate: \$15,000**

Irrigation only meter? ☐ Yes ☐ No

### Contact Information:

#### Check one:

☐ Owner ☐ Tenant ☐ Property Manager ☐ Landscape Contractor

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EBMUD Water Service Account

Name	Email	Installation Address		
Phone	Owner Email	City	State	Zip Code

## Tax Notice

All residential rebates that, individually or in combination, total \$600 or more in a tax year require submittal of a W-9 form to the District prior to payment. All personal information provided within the W-9 will be kept confidential in accordance with the Privacy Act. If your total rebate amount is \$600 or more, you will receive a 1099 form to comply with Internal Revenue Service requirements. The determination of whether your rebate is taxable or not may depend on several variables; you are recommended to contact your tax professional for more information.

## Agreement

I, the undersigned, understand that this is a limited, first-come/first-served program and that EBMUD is entitled to deny any application that does not meet program requirements. I have voluntarily determined to participate in EBMUD's Landscape Rebate Program. I have independently selected materials, supplies and labor for the purpose of performing the installation. I agree that all work performed will comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances and regulations. I agree that EBMUD may visit the premises and verify existing conditions and that the work has been performed. By virtue of these inspections, I understand that EBMUD makes no determination with respect to whether materials and equipment are free of defects, the quality of the workmanship, or the suitability of the premises or the materials or equipment for the installation. I also understand that the installation of irrigation equipment and landscape materials may not result in lower water bills. If this Application is approved by EBMUD and the work proceeds, I agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless EBMUD, its directors, officers, agents and employees against any and all loss, liability, expense, claims, suits and damages, including attorneys' fees, arising out of or resulting from the installation of irrigation equipment and landscape materials.

Please provide Property Owner signature and Applicant signature (if Applicant is not Property Owner) to process rebate application.

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Property Owner Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name


\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



# Lawn Conversion Rebate Requirements

**\*NEW\*** EBMUD now provides different lawn conversion rebates. Each lawn area is only eligible for one rebate type.

**Standard Rebate:**  
**\$1.25 per square foot**

**Super Rebate:**  
**\$2.50 per square foot**  
*requires all items marked  
with  below*

**Median Strip Rebate:**  
**\$2.50 per square foot**  
*commercial customers only,  
see website for qualifying areas*

**Step 1. Check each box to indicate you understand the requirements.**

## Is your lawn eligible for a rebate?


- ☐ Lawn has been actively maintained and irrigated by potable EBMUD water.
- ☐ Lawn conversion project has not started.
- ☐ Project will not begin until EBMUD provides written notice of approval.

**Projects must include:** ☐ = Required for all rebates  = Only required for super rebate


## Conversion method (select one)

- ☐ Physical removal: Fast and effective, but can disturb and compact soil. Compost may be required to improve soil health.
- ☐ <sup>-or-</sup> Sheet mulching: Layer cardboard, compost, and mulch on top of the lawn instead of physically removing or killing it with herbicides. For more information about this easy process, visit [lawntogarden.org](http://lawntogarden.org).

## Plants

- ☐ Plants must cover 50% of the converted area once fully grown. A tree is recommended.
- ☐ Plants must be low-water-use for our local climate. Low-water-use plants need little or no supplemental water once established. Edible plants and trees are accepted. Find examples at [ebmud.com/plants](http://ebmud.com/plants).
-  Majority of plants are native to California.

## Materials


- ☐ Planted areas and exposed soil must be covered with 3 inches of mulch.
- ☐ New landscape may include pathways or patios as long as they are permeable, allowing water to pass through. Permeable materials can include pavers or brick filled with sand, gravel, or decomposed granite.
- ☐ Only biodegradable weed barriers (e.g., cardboard or paper) may be used. Non-biodegradable weed barriers (e.g., landscape fabric or plastic) are not allowed.
-  Compost must be applied in planted areas (minimum 1/2 inch layer).

## Irrigation

- ☐ If there is a sprinkler system currently in place, it must be removed, capped, or replaced with a drip system.\*
- ☐ If installed, drip systems must use a pressure regulator and filter to ensure proper function.
- ☐ If there are plants with different watering needs, they must be placed in separate irrigation zones to avoid overwatering.

*\*Commercial projects may use high-efficiency sprinklers with EBMUD approval for a reduced rebate (conditions apply).*

## Project Timing

- ☐ Lawn conversion project will be completed within 6 months of project pre-approval.<sup>†</sup>
-  Plants will be installed between September and February.<sup>‡</sup>

*<sup>†</sup>Super rebate projects may be given additional time to account for planting window.*

*<sup>‡</sup>Remainder of project (e.g., site preparation, sheet mulching) may be completed outside of this window.*

## Projects must **not** include:

- ☒ Artificial turf.
- ☒ Concrete, mortared, or glued paths or patios.
- ☒ Plants that need moderate to frequent watering once established.
- ☒ Plastic or non-biodegradable weed barriers, including landscape fabric.
- ☒ Low-water lawns from seed or sod.
- ☒ Plants listed as invasive on [ebmud.com/plants](http://ebmud.com/plants).



# Lawn Conversion Rebate Application

Step 2. Complete all sections below.

☐ Measure and sketch the lawn conversion area below or attach a sketch separately:

**Reminder:** Non-irrigated lawns and lawns already converted at the time of the pre-inspection are not eligible for a rebate.

☐ Attach several photos of the existing lawn area to this application.

I understand EBMUD may need to schedule a rebate pre-inspection at the project site.

☐ Provide a plant list.

Use the space below to list the plants planned for your lawn conversion area. Plants must be climate appropriate and require little to no supplemental water once established. Visit [ebmud.com/plants](http://ebmud.com/plants) for suggestions of approved low-water-use plants.

⌚ Super rebate: mark plants that are California native with an asterisk \*.

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**Estimate your lawn conversion rebate:**

(Projects must choose only one rebate type)

..... standard	Sq. Ft. x \$1.25 =	\$.....	..... Estimated Lawn Conversion Rebate Total
..... super	Sq. Ft. x \$2.50 =	\$.....	
..... median strip (commercial only)	Sq. Ft. x \$2.50 =	\$.....	

Step 3. Wait for EBMUD approval before beginning work.



# Efficient Irrigation Equipment Application

Receipts are required for all irrigation equipment rebates.

Rebate amounts are limited to the price of the equipment alone and do not include labor and taxes.

Purchase receipts or contractor's invoices must list the unit price for each piece of equipment.

Pre-approval is always required for drip irrigation, rebates over \$200, and commercial projects. For rebates under \$200, residential applicants may install irrigation equipment prior to approval if the following is provided:

- ☐ Receipt(s) showing that the purchase of the equipment is within 90 days of the application submit date.
- ☐ Photos of the existing equipment to be replaced.

Rebate	Eligibility	Estimated Rebate	Rebate Requirements												
<b>Smart Irrigation Controller</b>															
Replace conventional irrigation controller with "smart" weather-adjusting model	<input type="checkbox"/> On EPA's WaterSense-labeled controllers list <input type="checkbox"/> 2 or more active stations (hose bib/faucet timers are ineligible)	<table><thead><tr><th>Qty.</th><th>Up to</th><th>Est. Rebate</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Smart irrigation controller</td><td>\$100 each</td><td>\$</td></tr><tr><td>Number of active stations above 12</td><td>\$20 each</td><td>\$</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Subtotal</td><td>\$</td></tr></tbody></table>	Qty.	Up to	Est. Rebate	Smart irrigation controller	\$100 each	\$	Number of active stations above 12	\$20 each	\$	Subtotal		\$	Provide photos/screenshots of the following: <input type="checkbox"/> Old conventional controller <input type="checkbox"/> New controller installed per manufacturer specifications <input type="checkbox"/> Irrigation schedule <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule adjusted to local weather <input type="checkbox"/> Number of stations in use
Qty.	Up to	Est. Rebate													
Smart irrigation controller	\$100 each	\$													
Number of active stations above 12	\$20 each	\$													
Subtotal		\$													
Maximum controller rebate of \$200 for single-family residential and \$1000 for commercial.															
<b>Drip Irrigation</b>															
Convert an irrigation zone currently on sprinklers to drip irrigation	<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-approval required before installation	<table><thead><tr><th>Qty.</th><th>Up to</th><th>Est. Rebate</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Drip irrigation area sq.ft.</td><td>\$0.25 per sq.ft.</td><td>\$</td></tr></tbody></table>	Qty.	Up to	Est. Rebate	Drip irrigation area sq.ft.	\$0.25 per sq.ft.	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Replace an entire zone of overhead sprinklers to drip irrigation <input type="checkbox"/> Match emitter rates to soil type (0.4 – 0.6 gph for clay soils) <input type="checkbox"/> Install per manufacturer directions and include pressure regulator and filter <input type="checkbox"/> Planting areas should include mulch, no landscape weed cloth, and any new plants should be low-water-use plants						
Qty.	Up to	Est. Rebate													
Drip irrigation area sq.ft.	\$0.25 per sq.ft.	\$													
Lawn conversion rebate areas are not eligible for an additional drip rebate.															
<b>High-Efficiency Rotating Nozzles</b>															
Replace conventional fixed-spray sprinkler nozzles with high-efficiency rotating nozzles	<input type="checkbox"/> On EBMUD's qualifying list	<table><thead><tr><th>Qty.</th><th>Up to</th><th>Est. Rebate</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>High-efficiency rotating nozzle</td><td>\$4 each</td><td>\$</td></tr></tbody></table>	Qty.	Up to	Est. Rebate	High-efficiency rotating nozzle	\$4 each	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Replace an entire irrigation zone of conventional spray nozzles per manufacturer specifications <input type="checkbox"/> Place sprinklers to create head-to-head coverage <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit little to no over spray on pavement and no blockage of spray by shrubs or other objects						
Qty.	Up to	Est. Rebate													
High-efficiency rotating nozzle	\$4 each	\$													
<b>Pressure Regulator</b>															
Install a system-wide pressure regulator to improve performance and reduce wear and tear	Cost per regulator \$	<table><thead><tr><th>Qty.</th><th>50% of cost up to \$125 each</th><th>Est. Rebate</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td></td><td></td><td>\$</td></tr></tbody></table>	Qty.	50% of cost up to \$125 each	Est. Rebate			\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Must be made of brass or bronze (plastic drip pressure regulators are not eligible) <input type="checkbox"/> Must be installed upstream of irrigation valves to regulate entire system						
Qty.	50% of cost up to \$125 each	Est. Rebate													
		\$													
<b>Irrigation Submeter</b>															
Install a irrigation submeter to monitor use and detect leaks	Cost per submeter \$	<table><thead><tr><th>Qty.</th><th>50% of cost up to \$200 each</th><th>Est. Rebate</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td></td><td></td><td>\$</td></tr></tbody></table>	Qty.	50% of cost up to \$200 each	Est. Rebate			\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Must measure only irrigation water <input type="checkbox"/> Must include a leak detection feature (includes flow sensors)						
Qty.	50% of cost up to \$200 each	Est. Rebate													
		\$													
<input type="checkbox"/> Irrigation equipment project will be completed within the six month deadline.			<div>\$</div> <div>Estimated Combined Rebate Total</div>												
Estimated Irrigation Rebate Total \$															

If you need assistance, please contact us at [waterconservation@ebmud.com](mailto:waterconservation@ebmud.com)