



Landscape Rebate Program

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

Offer valid between July 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023

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 your lawn to a sustainable landscape and upgrade to high-efficiency irrigation equipment.

REBATE PROCESS:

- 1** Select rebate(s) and submit completed application to waterconservation@ebmud.com.
- 2** Wait for EBMUD approval before beginning work.
- 3** Once approved, complete project within 9 months and submit documentation.

REBATE TYPES:

Lawn Conversion

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

Efficient Irrigation Equipment

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

Design Assistance

- 2-hour site visit with a professional landscape designer

RESOURCES FOR A SUCCESSFUL PROJECT:

- 💡 Low-water plants for our local climate: ebmud.com/plants
- 💡 Garden design and maintenance guidance: ebmud.com/watersmart-gardener
- 💡 Tutorials and marketplace for sheet mulching: lawntogarden.org
- 💡 Virtual rebate office hours and webinars: ebmud.com/watersmart

Questions? Reach out to us at waterconservation@ebmud.com.

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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.
- Rebates are issued as credits applied to the EBMUD water service account and may take up to 8 weeks to process.
- 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 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

Check one:

- ☐ Owner ☐ Tenant ☐ Property Manager ☐ Landscape Contractor

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 and other applicable state and federal law. If the total rebate amount is \$600 or more, you will receive a 1099 form in accordance with Internal Revenue Service requirements. The determination of whether your rebate is taxable or not may depend on several variables and it is recommended that you contact a 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 law, ordinances and regulations. I agree that EBMUD may visit the premises and verify existing conditions and verify that the work has been performed. I understand that, during these inspections, 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 used 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 relating to the installation of irrigation equipment and landscape materials and other elements of the work.

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

Property Owner Signature

Print Name

Date

Applicant Signature

Print Name


Date



Lawn Conversion Application

Lawn Conversion Rebate Types – Each project 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 notice of approval. EBMUD may need to perform an onsite pre-inspection.

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 and weed cloth.
- ☒ Low-water lawns from seed or sod.
- ☒ Plants listed as invasive on ebmud.com/plants.

Rebate Requirements: ☐ = 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 recommended to improve soil health.

-OR-




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.

Plants

- ☐ Plants must cover 50% of the converted area once fully grown. Including a tree is recommended.
- ☐ Plants must be low-water-use. Low-water-use plants need little or no supplemental water once established. Check plant water use at: ccuh.ucdavis.edu/wucols-db. All edible plants are accepted for standard rebate projects.
-  Majority of plants are native to California. Find CA native plants at calscape.org.

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.
- ☐ Non-biodegradable weed barriers (e.g., landscape fabric, weed cloth, or plastic) are NOT allowed. Only biodegradable weed barriers (e.g., cardboard or paper) may be used.
-  Compost must be applied (minimum ½ 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 have a pressure regulator and filter to ensure proper function.
- ☐ If there are plants with different watering needs, they must be placed on 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 9 months of project pre-approval.
-  Plants will be installed between September and February.†

†Remainder of project (e.g., site preparation, sheet mulching) may be completed outside of this window.



Lawn Conversion Application

Step 2. Attach photos, confirm lawn area to be converted, and estimate rebate amount.

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

Reminder: Non-irrigated lawns, dead lawns, and lawns already converted are not eligible for a rebate.

☐ [Optional] Attach sketch of existing lawn area, a map outline, or landscape plans to clarify the lawn area to be converted.

☐ **Estimate your lawn conversion rebate:**

(Projects must choose only one rebate type)

Tip: [measure online using Google Maps](#).

..... Standard	sq. ft. x \$1.25 =	\$.....	\$ Estimated Lawn Conversion Rebate Total
..... Super	sq. ft. x \$2.50 =	\$.....	
..... Median Strip <small>(commercial only)</small>	sq. ft. x \$2.50 =	\$.....	

Step 3. Create a plant list. You may submit plant list now, or you may leave blank and submit plant list after rebate eligibility is confirmed and/or Design Assistance is completed. You must submit a plant list before you install plants.

☐ **Provide a plant list.**

Use the space below to list the plants planned for your lawn conversion area. Remember: plants must be climate appropriate and require little to no supplemental water once established. Visit ebmud.com/plants for suggestions of approved low-water-use plants. Check WUCOLS to confirm plant water use at: ccuh.ucdavis.edu/wucols-db.

☞ Super Rebate: mark plants that are California native with an asterisk *.

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Step 4. Wait for EBMUD approval before beginning work.



Efficient Irrigation Equipment Application

To apply for irrigation equipment rebate(s), complete the corresponding section(s) of this page.
Check boxes to confirm understanding:

- ☐ Pre-approval is always required for rebates over \$200, all drip irrigation conversions, and commercial rebates.
- ☐ Residential rebates under \$200 may install equipment and request rebate within 90 days of purchase.
Customers will still need to submit photos of the original equipment and receipts showing purchase date.
- ☐ Photos of existing equipment to be replaced are required, submit with rebate application.
- ☐ Receipts are required and must list the unit price for each piece of equipment.
- ☐ Rebate amounts are limited to the price of the equipment alone and do not include labor and taxes.

Irrigation Equipment Rebate Type				Requirements	
Smart Irrigation Controller					
Replace conventional irrigation controller with "smart" weather-adjusting model	Smart irrigation controller	Qty. _____	\$100 each	Est. Rebate \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Replace conventional irrigation controller with a "smart" weather adjusting model from EPA's WaterSense controllers list.
	Number of active stations above 12	_____	\$20 each	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 or more stations must be in use (hose bib/faucet timers are not eligible for rebate).
Maximum controller rebate of \$200 per controller for single-family residential and \$1000 per controller for commercial			Subtotal	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Submit photos/screenshots showing old controller, newly installed controller, programmed irrigation schedule(s) with total run time(s), active zones, connection to active weather data or onsite weather station, receipt.
Irrigation Flow Sensor					
Install an irrigation flow sensor to measure flow rates and detect leaks	Cost	Qty. _____	50% of cost up to \$250 each	Est. Rebate \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Must measure flow rate and total amount of water delivered to a landscape irrigation system.
	\$ _____				<input type="checkbox"/> Must communicate with a compatible irrigation controller to send alerts of high or low flow and be on EBMUD's qualifying list.
					<input type="checkbox"/> Submit photos/screenshots showing newly installed equipment, wire connected to sensor port, active connection with irrigation controller showing flow used per zone, receipt.
Drip Irrigation					
Lawn conversion rebate areas are not eligible for an additional drip rebate.		Qty. _____		Est. Rebate \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Replace an entire zone of overhead sprinklers with drip irrigation.
Convert an irrigation zone currently on sprinklers to drip irrigation	Drip irrigation area	_____ sq.ft.	\$0.25 per sq.ft.	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Install filter and pressure regulator components, match emitters rates to soil type (0.4 – 0.6 gph recommended).
					<input type="checkbox"/> Planting areas should include mulch, no landscape weed cloth, and new plants should be low water use.
					<input type="checkbox"/> Submit photos of existing sprinklers; after completion submit photos showing installed drip, pressure regulator and filter, and receipts.
High-Efficiency Rotating Nozzles					
Replace conventional fixed-spray sprinkler nozzles with high-efficiency rotating nozzles	High-efficiency rotating nozzle	Qty. _____	\$4 each	Est. Rebate \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Replace an entire irrigation zone of conventional spray nozzles with high efficiency nozzles from EBMUD's qualifying list.
					<input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit little to no over spray on pavement and no blockage of spray by shrubs or other objects.
					<input type="checkbox"/> Submit photos of existing sprinklers; after completion submit photos of installed nozzles and receipts.
Pressure Regulator					
Install a system-wide pressure regulator to improve performance and reduce wear and tear	Cost	Qty. _____	50% of cost up to \$125 each	Est. Rebate \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Must be installed upstream of irrigation valves to regulate entire system.
	\$ _____				<input type="checkbox"/> Must be made of metal (plastic drip system pressure regulators are not eligible).
					<input type="checkbox"/> Submit photos of installed equipment and receipts.
Irrigation Submeter					
Install an irrigation submeter to monitor use and detect leaks	Cost	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.
					<input type="checkbox"/> Submit photos of installed equipment and receipts.

Estimated Irrigation Rebate Total \$ _____



Design Assistance Application

Complete application and return to: waterconservation@ebmud.com or
EBMUD Landscape Design Assistance, P.O. Box 24055, MS 109, Oakland, CA 94623-1055

The Landscape Design Assistance Program provides reimbursement for a \$200, two-hour visit with a professional landscape designer from EBMUD's approved list to assist customers with creating beautiful, regenerative gardens. The two-hour visit aims to provide basic recommendations on plants, layout, and/or irrigation options. Participants pay the designer a \$200 fee at the time of service and are reimbursed by EBMUD upon the successful completion of their landscape project.

Process:

- Step 1.** Submit Design Assistance Application and attach photos of landscape area to be converted.
Wait for approval before contacting an approved designer.
- Step 2.** Review the list of EBMUD approved designers and choose one that meets your needs.
List is available at ebmud.com/rebates.
- Step 3.** Schedule a two-hour landscape design assistance visit. We recommend completing Landscape Design Questionnaire in advance of appointment.
- Step 4.** Pay the Landscape Designer the \$200 fee at time of service and obtain a receipt.
- Step 5.** Complete landscape transformation to waterwise garden using low water use plants and ensuring efficient irrigation.
- Step 6.** Submit photos of completed project and receipt to EBMUD.
- Step 7.** EBMUD will reimburse the participant the \$200 design fee.

Eligibility:

- Participant must install a minimum 200 sq. ft. waterwise garden with low-water-use plants and efficient irrigation.
- Participant must use an EBMUD approved Landscape Designer, listed at ebmud.com/rebates.

Rebate Terms:

- Participant must submit Design Application and get approval before scheduling consultation.
- Participant must pay the Designer the \$200 fee at the time of their two-hour consultation.
- Participant must submit the receipt from design assistance consultation to EBMUD.
- EBMUD **will not reimburse** the fee if the participant does not complete their landscape project.
- Participant may only participate in the Design Assistance Program one time per property.
- Total landscape rebate reimbursement, including design assistance, not to exceed \$2,000 (residential), and \$15,000 (commercial) rebate maximums.
- Design services outside of the \$200, two-hour consultation that are contracted between the Participant and Designer will not be reimbursed by EBMUD.

Projects must not include:

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| Ø Artificial turf. | Ø Plastic or non-biodegradable weed barriers, including landscape fabric and weed cloth. |
| Ø Concrete, mortared, or glued paths or patios. | Ø Low-water lawns from seed or sod. |
| Ø Plants that need moderate to frequent watering once established. | Ø Plants listed as invasive on ebmud.com/plants . |

Check box and sign below to indicate you understand and agree to the rebate terms and eligibility:

☐ I intend to participate in the Landscape Design Assistance Program and agree to all rebate terms and conditions.

Applicant Signature

Print Name

Date