



# Landscape Rebate Program

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

Offer valid between January 1, 2024 and June 30, 2024

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](mailto:waterconservation@ebmud.com).

2

After EBMUD approval, complete project within 9 months and submit documentation.

3

EBMUD will issue the rebate as a check within two months.

### 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 an EBMUD-approved Landscape Designer

### 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)



Virtual rebate office hours and webinars: [ebmud.com/watersmart](http://ebmud.com/watersmart)

Questions? Reach out to us at [waterconservation@ebmud.com](mailto:waterconservation@ebmud.com).

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# Landscape Rebate Program Application

**Offer valid between January 1, 2024 and June 30, 2024**

## 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 checks payable to the account holder and mailed to the billing address on file within two months of rebate approval. To request an alternate payee, submit a [Payee Change Request Form](#) for EBMUD approval.
- 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.
- Residential rebates that total \$600 or more in a tax year require submittal of a W-9 form to EBMUD prior to payment.

**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

Check one:

☐ Owner ☐ Tenant ☐ Property Manager ☐ Landscape Contractor

\_\_\_\_\_  
EBMUD Water Service Account

Name Email Installation Address

Phone Owner Email City State Zip Code

## Check payable to:

☐ EBMUD account holder (default)

☐ Alternate payee ([form required](#)): \_\_\_\_\_

## Check mailing address:

☐ Billing address associated with my EBMUD account (default)

☐ Alternate address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Tax Notice

For residential customers applying for rebates that, individually or in combination total \$600 or more in a tax year, EBMUD requires the submittal of a W-9 form from the person receiving the payment prior to payment. All personal information provided within the W-9 will be kept confidential in accordance with the Consumer Privacy Act and other applicable state and federal law. If the total rebate amount is \$600 or more in a single calendar year, you will be issued a 1099 form in accordance with Internal Revenue Service requirements. Most residential rebates are excluded from gross income by state law and are not subject to state income tax, but these rebates may be taxable income under federal law. The determination of whether the rebate may be subject to tax is dependent on several variables, and it is recommended that you contact a tax professional for further 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:**  
**\$1.00 per square foot**

**Super Rebate:**  
**\$2.00 per square foot**  
*requires all items marked  
with  below*

**Median Strip Rebate:**  
**\$2.00 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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) as part of the sheet mulching process.

## 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.



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

☐ [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:**

*Tip: measure online using Google Maps.*

..... <b>Standard</b>	sq. ft. x \$1.00 =	\$.....	<p align="center"><b>\$ .....</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Estimated Lawn Conversion Rebate Total</b></p> <p align="center"><i>\$2,000 and \$15,000 rebate maximums apply</i></p>
..... <b>Super</b>	sq. ft. x \$2.00 =	\$.....	
..... <b>Median Strip</b> <i>(commercial only)</i>	sq. ft. x \$2.00 =	\$.....	

**Step 3. Create a plant list. You may submit a plant list now or after rebate eligibility is confirmed and/or Design Assistance has been 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](http://ebmud.com/plants) for suggestions of approved low-water-use plants. Check WUCOLS to confirm plant water use at: [ccuh.ucdavis.edu/wucols-db](http://ccuh.ucdavis.edu/wucols-db).

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

**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, shipping or taxes.

Irrigation Equipment Rebate Type				Requirements	
<b>Smart Irrigation Controller</b>					
Replace conventional irrigation controller with "smart" weather-adjusting model	Smart irrigation controller	Qty. _____	Up to \$100 each	Est. Rebate \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Replace conventional irrigation controller with a "smart" weather adjusting model from <a href="#">EPA's WaterSense controllers list</a> .
	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 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 and receipt(s).
<b>Irrigation Flow Sensor</b>					
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 <a href="#">EBMUD's qualifying list</a> .
					<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 and receipt(s).
<b>Drip Irrigation</b>					
Lawn conversion rebate areas are not eligible for an additional drip rebate.		Qty. _____	Up to \$0.25 per sq.ft.	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.			<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 receipt(s).
<b>High-Efficiency Rotating Nozzles</b>					
Replace conventional fixed-spray sprinkler nozzles with high-efficiency rotating nozzles	High-efficiency rotating nozzle	Qty. _____	Up to \$4 each	Est. Rebate \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Replace an entire irrigation zone of conventional spray nozzles with high efficiency nozzles from <a href="#">EBMUD's qualifying list</a> .
					<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 receipt(s).
<b>Pressure Regulator</b>					
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 receipt(s).
<b>Irrigation Submeter</b>					
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 receipt(s).

Estimated Irrigation Rebate Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_





# Design Assistance Application

The **Landscape Design Assistance Program** provides reimbursement for a \$200, 2-hour visit with a professional landscape designer from **EBMUD's approved list** to assist customers with creating beautiful, waterwise gardens. The 2-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.

## 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](http://ebmud.com/rebates).
- Participant may only utilize the Landscape Design Assistance Program one time per property.

## Rebate Requirements:

- Step 1.** Submit **Design Assistance Application** and attach photos of landscape area to be converted (200 sq. ft. minimum). Participant must get approval before contacting an approved designer.
- Step 2.** After receiving approval, choose an EBMUD-approved Landscape Designer and schedule your 2-hour consultation.
- Step 3.** Pay the \$200 fee to the Landscape Designer at the time of service and submit the receipt to EBMUD. Design services outside of the \$200, 2-hour consultation that are contracted between the Participant and Designer will not be reimbursed by EBMUD.
- Step 4.** Complete landscape transformation to waterwise garden using low-water-use plants and ensuring efficient irrigation.
- Step 5.** Submit photos of completed project and receipt to EBMUD to receive your \$200 rebate. EBMUD **will not reimburse** the fee if the participant does not complete their landscape project.

## Projects must not include:

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Artificial turf.   | <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic or non-biodegradable weed barriers, including landscape fabric and weed cloth. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete, mortared, or glued paths or patios.                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Low-water lawns from seed or sod.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plants that need moderate to frequent watering once established. | <input type="checkbox"/> Plants listed as invasive on <a href="http://ebmud.com/plants">ebmud.com/plants</a> .  |

Use the space below to describe what design services your LDAP consultation will focus on (e.g., lawn conversion, efficient irrigation upgrades, waterwise landscaping):

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☐ Estimate size of project area: \_\_\_\_\_ sq. ft. (200 sq. ft. minimum)

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

☐ Attach several photos of the area and/or irrigation equipment to be converted.

**Check box 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.