

Landscape Rebate Program

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EBMUD offers landscape rebates up to **\$2,000 for residential properties** and **\$15,000 for commercial properties** that support waterwise gardens that thrive in California's summer-dry climate and during drought. By converting your lawn to a sustainable landscape and upgrading to efficient irrigation, you can conserve water and save money. **Offer valid between July 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025.**

Rebate Types

Lawn Conversion

Standard | \$1 per sq. ft.

Super | \$2 per sq. ft.

Median Strip | \$2 per sq. ft.

Efficient Irrigation Equipment

Smart Irrigation Controller | 50% up to cost*

Irrigation Flow Sensor | 50% up to \$250

Drip Conversion | \$0.25 per sq. ft.

High-Efficiency Nozzles | \$4 per nozzle

Pressure Regulator | \$50% up to \$125

*Maximums apply

Landscape Design Assistance (LDAP)

2-hour site visit with an LDAP-approved landscape designer | \$200

Rebate Process



Step 1: Select rebate(s) and submit completed application to waterconservation@ebmud.com.



Step 2: After EBMUD approval, complete project within 9 months and submit documentation.



Step 3: EBMUD will issue the rebate as a check within 2 months.

PROHIBITED INSTALLATIONS

Applies to Lawn Conversions, Drip Conversions, and Landscape Design Assistance Rebates

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

Landscape Rebate Program Application

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Return completed form to: waterconservation@ebmud.com or

EBMUD Landscape Rebate Program, P.O. Box 24055, MS 109, Oakland, CA 94623-1055

Customer Information

EBMUD Water Service Account Number ⓘ

Applicant is (check one):

☐ Owner ☐ Tenant ☐ Property Manager ☐ Contractor

Property is:

☐ Residential: Single or Multi-Family (2 - 4 units) ☐ Irrigation-Only Meter ☐ Multi-Family (5+ units), Commercial, or Municipal

Applicant Name

Applicant Phone

Applicant Email

Property Owner Email (if Applicant is not Property Owner)

Installation Address

City

State

Zip

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 laws. 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).

Property Owner Signature

Print Name

Date

Applicant Signature

Print Name

Date



Lawn Conversion Application

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Step 1: Check boxes to confirm eligibility

- ☐ Lawn has been actively maintained and irrigated by potable EBMUD water.
- ☐ Lawn conversion project has not started and will not begin until EBMUD provides notice of approval.
- ☐ EBMUD may perform an onsite pre- or post-inspections.

Step 2: Review requirements for all lawn conversion rebate types

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.
- No artificial turf, invasive plants, or low-water lawns.

Materials

- Planted areas and exposed soil must be covered with at least 3 inches of mulch.
- New landscape may include pathways or patios as long as they are permeable, allowing water to pass through. Permeable materials include pavers or brick set in 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.

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.
- Plants with different water requirements must be placed on separate irrigation zones to avoid overwatering.

*Commercial projects may use high-efficiency sprinklers with EBMUD approval.

Step 3: Choose **one** lawn conversion rebate type

☐ **Standard Rebate \$1 / sq. ft.**

☐ **Super Rebate \$2 / sq. ft.**



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Additional Requirements

- **Sheet mulch instead of physically removing lawn:** layer cardboard, compost, and mulch on top of the lawn so that it decomposes in place. Instructions at lawntogarden.org.
- **Majority California native plants.** Search on calscape.org.
- **Plants installed between September and February.**

☐ **Median Strip Rebate* \$2 / sq. ft.**

**Available to commercial customers only, see [website for qualifying areas](#).*

Step 4: Estimate lawn size & rebate amount

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

	\$1 Standard		
<input type="text"/>	sq. ft. X	\$2 Super	\$ <input type="text"/>
Lawn Area		\$2 Median Strip	Estimated Lawn
		(Commercial only)	Conversion Rebate Total

Step 5: Submit documentation

Tip: see [sample completed documentation](#).

- **Completed application**
- **Photos:** attach several photos of the existing lawn area
- **Plant list:** provide a plant list now or before purchase/installation

Plant List

You can choose to submit your plant list for approval in one of the following ways:

- With your application
- After your Landscape Design Assistance visit
- Before purchase and installation

Use the space below to list the plants planned for your lawn conversion area. Remember, all plants must be climate appropriate and have "Low" or "Very Low" water requirements on WUCOLS at ccuh.ucdavis.edu/wucols-db. Super Rebate projects must include a majority of California native plants; find CA native plants at calscape.org. If ineligible plants are installed, your rebate will be denied.

Plant Name	Quantity



Step 1: Check boxes to confirm eligibility

- ☐ Pre-approval before installation is always required for drip irrigation conversion and equipment rebates over \$250.
- ☐ Irrigation rebates under \$250 may install equipment and request rebate within 90 days of purchase.
- ☐ 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.

Step 2: Select rebate(s), review requirements & estimate rebate amount

☐ Smart Irrigation Controller

Requirements:

- Replace conventional irrigation controller with "smart" weather-adjusting model from [EPA's WaterSense controllers list](#).
- 2 or more stations must be in use (hose bib/faucet timers not eligible).

Required documentation: photos/screenshots of existing controller, new controller, connected valve wiring, active connection to weather network or station, active zones, calendar of watering days for current month, active schedule(s) with weather features "on", total watering time per zone, and receipt(s).

Cost	Qty.	50% of cost up to \$200 residential, \$1,000 commercial (per controller)	Est. Rebate
\$ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		\$ <input type="text"/>

☐ Irrigation Flow Sensor

Requirements:

- Install an irrigation flow sensor to measure flow rate and total amount of water delivered to an irrigation system.
- Must communicate with a compatible irrigation controller to send flow alerts and be on [EBMUD's qualifying list](#).

Required documentation: photos/screenshots showing newly installed equipment, wire connected to sensor port, active connection with irrigation controller showing flow used per zone and receipt(s).

Cost	Qty.	50% of cost up to \$250 each	Est. Rebate
\$ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		\$ <input type="text"/>

☐ Drip Irrigation Conversion

Requirements:

- Convert an entire zone of overhead sprinklers to drip irrigation.
- Install filter and pressure regulator components, match emitters rates to soil type (0.4 – 0.6 gph recommended).
- Areas receiving a lawn conversion rebate are not also eligible for this rebate.

Required documentation: photos of existing functional sprinklers turned on; after completion submit photos showing installed drip, pressure regulator and filter, and receipt(s).

<input type="text"/>	sq. ft.	Up to \$0.25 per sq. ft.	Est. Rebate
			\$ <input type="text"/>

☐ High-Efficiency Nozzles

Requirements:

- Replace an entire irrigation zone of conventional spray nozzles with high efficiency nozzles from [EBMUD's qualifying list](#).
- Exhibit little to no over spray on pavement and no blockage of spray by shrubs or other objects.

Required documentation: photos of existing functional sprinklers turned on; after completion submit photos of installed nozzles and receipt(s).

Qty.	Est. Rebate
<input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
Up to \$4 each	

☐ Pressure Regulator

Requirements:

- Install a system-wide pressure regulator to improve performance and reduce wear and tear.
- Must be installed upstream of irrigation valves to regulate entire system.
- Must be made of metal (plastic drip system pressure regulators are not eligible).

Required documentation: photos of installed equipment and receipt(s).

Cost	Qty.	50% of cost up to \$125 each	Est. Rebate
\$ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		\$ <input type="text"/>

Step 3: Submit documentation

Tip: see [sample completed documentation](#).

- Completed application**
- Required documentation:** attach photos, screenshots, and receipt(s) for corresponding rebate(s)

\$ **Estimated Irrigation Equipment Rebate Total**

Landscape Design Assistance Application

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The Landscape Design Assistance Program (LDAP) 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 visit aims to provide basic recommendations on plants, layout, and/or irrigation options, but will not result in full design plans.

Step 1: Check boxes to confirm eligibility

- ☐ Participant must install a minimum 200 sq. ft. waterwise garden using low-water-use plants and/or efficient irrigation.
- ☐ Participant must use an LDAP-approved landscape designer, listed at ebmud.com/designassistance.
- ☐ Participant may only utilize the Landscape Design Assistance Program one time per property.
- ☐ Completed project must not include any items listed in the **Prohibited Installations** table located on page 1.

Step 2: Review rebate process

- 1 Submit Landscape Design Assistance Application and attach photos of landscape area to be converted. Participant must get approval before contacting an approved designer.
- 2 After receiving approval, choose an [LDAP-approved landscape designer](#) and schedule your 2-hour consultation.
- 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 visit that are contracted between the participant and designer will not be reimbursed by EBMUD.
- 4 Complete landscape transformation to waterwise garden using low-water-use plants and ensuring efficient irrigation within the **9-month deadline**.
- 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.

Step 3: Describe project

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

Step 4: Estimate project size

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

sq. ft. (200 sq. ft. minimum)

\$ 200 **Landscape Design
Assistance Rebate Total**

Step 5: Submit documentation

Tip: see [sample completed documentation](#).

- **Completed application**
- **Photos:** attach several photos of the area and/or irrigation equipment to be converted