



Lawn Removal Rebate Application

\$1.00/Square Foot Rebate



Up to \$1,000 for single family residential &
Up to \$5,000 for multi-family and commercial customers

Do NOT remove lawn before receiving the required pre-inspection site visit and project approval.
Read page 2 for further requirements.

Application 2020 - _____

1. Applicant Information

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Property address: _____

Telephone: _____

SCMU account number: _____

2. Lawn Removal Information

Location of lawn removal (front yard, parking strip etc.): _____

Area of conversion (length x width): _____ square feet

The project includes: very low water use plants low water use plants drip irrigation
 permeable hardscape mulch artificial turf

3. Your Signature

I have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions as stated on page 2 of this application.

Property owner signature: _____ Date: _____

Return complete application to: City of Santa Cruz
Water Conservation Office
212 Locust St, Suite B
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

For More Information: Please call the Water Conservation Office at (831) 420-5230

OFFICIAL USE ONLY:

Pre-Inspection by: _____ Date: _____ Vendor #: _____

Post-Inspection by: _____ Date: _____ Square ft removed: _____

Application: Approved Denied SFR MFR/Commercial

Rebate Approved by: _____ Date: _____ Rebate Amount: _____

Comments:

Lawn Removal Rebate Program

The rebate amount is **\$1.00 per square foot**, up to **\$1,000 for single family residential customers** and **\$5,000 for multi-family and commercial customers**. One rebate per property per calendar year. This offer is good through **December 31, 2020**, or until funds are depleted, whichever comes first.

Rebate Eligibility Requirements

- ◆ The property must be at a location served by the City of Santa Cruz Water Department. The applicant must be the property owner or an authorized agent.
- ◆ All projects must be approved prior to lawn removal and replacement. An on-site pre and post-conversion inspection is required.
- ◆ Lawns must be well-maintained, and contain an in-ground irrigation system. **(Hand watered lawn, or lawn removed before a pre-inspection site visit will not qualify for the rebate).**
- ◆ Lawn must be replaced with very low or low water use plants or permeable landscape surfaces such as artificial turf, decomposed granite, permeable pavers etc. **Turf seed, sod, vegetable gardens, vineyards, medium and high water use plants, lawn ornaments, impervious surfaces, cement, decking, curbing, hot tubs, pools, building extensions, retaining walls, sheds, trellises, play ground materials, and fences do not qualify.**
- ◆ Planted areas must be covered with at least 2" of mulch material. If a weed barrier is used below the mulch, it must be permeable to air and water.
- ◆ Pop up sprinklers must be removed or capped from the converted landscape area. Any remaining landscape near the converted area must be irrigated with a separate valve.
- ◆ A separately valved, drip irrigation system with a filter and pressure regulation is allowed in the converted landscape area. The system must be in good working order, free of leaks and malfunctions, and designed to avoid runoff.
- ◆ Landscapes of new construction projects do not qualify.

Procedure

1. Call the Water Conservation Office at 831-420-5230 to schedule a pre-inspection site visit.
2. After the pre-inspection site visit and project approval, you may proceed with your lawn removal.
3. **Your project must receive pre-approval in order to qualify for the rebate.**
4. When your project is completed, call the Water Conservation Office to schedule a final inspection.
5. Upon the completion of the post-inspection, complete and submit the rebate application form.

This is a program to provide financial assistance to customers wishing to replace high water using lawn with water-efficient landscape choices. Lawn removal and installation of qualifying landscape conversion plants and materials is the sole responsibility of the applicant. The City assumes no responsibility for any damage that may occur to an applicant's property as a result of participation in the rebate program. Due to circumstances beyond its control, the City cannot guarantee that the landscape conversion will result in lower utility cost.