

GET UP TO \$750*
FOR REMOVING THIRSTY LAWNS!

THE CONSERVATION



WATER-EFFICIENT LAWN CONVERSION REBATE PROGRAM



**SAVE WATER.
SAVE MONEY.
REDUCE WASTE.**



RE-IMAGINE YOUR FRONT YARD!

Zone 7 Water Agency will pay you to remove large sections of thirsty, irrigated lawn and convert the area to an attractive water-wise alternative. You can reduce your water bills, enhance your property, and improve the environment.

IT'S SIMPLE AND IT'S SMART.

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HOW DOES IT WORK?

- 1) Submit a plan and an application for pre-approval.
- 2) If your plan is accepted, you will be contacted and a site visit may be scheduled. If your plan is denied, you will receive a letter stating the reason.
- 3) With approval and Notice to Proceed, you can begin the work.
- 4) As project purchases are made, save all the receipts and submit them at the end of the final inspection.

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WHERE DO I GET AN APPLICATION?

Applications are available online at www.zone7water.com under "Conservation & Rebates" or by calling your water utility conservation department.

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HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE ?

The rebate is prorated at a 40/60 split. Please refer to "Terms and Conditions" on the reverse side of the Lawn Conversion Application. Please allow up to 12 weeks for processing.

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HOW MUCH IS THE REBATE?

The rebate for a single-family property is 50% of the cost with a maximum of \$750. The rebate for a non-residential property or multi-family property is 50% of the cost with a maximum of \$4,500.

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WHO DO I CALL WITH QUESTIONS?

Contact Zone 7 Water Agency's Water Conservation Coordinator at 925.454.5000 or call your water utility conservation department.

*** Up to \$750 for single-family residences. Up to \$4,500 for multi-family and non-residential properties.**

APPLICATION STEPS

- **Create a plan for your project.** Consult the Water-Wise Gardening website accessed at www.zone7water.com for suggestions. Make sure your plan meets all program requirements and does not include any program exclusions.
- **Fill out a Lawn Conversion Rebate Program application.**
- **Include a detailed list of proposed plants.** They must be from the Qualifying Plant list on Zone 7's website or the Tri-Valley Water-wise website. Include any planned soil amendments, mulch or drip irrigation to be installed.
- **Draw an aerial view of your proposed project on the application grid,** including measurements to explain the total area of lawn to be converted.
- **Include a clear, current picture of the proposed area to be converted.** The project must be in your front yard or an area visible from the sidewalk.
- **You can submit the above-listed items via mail to:**

Rebates
Zone 7 Water Agency
100 North Canyons Parkway
Livermore, CA 94551

- Applications can also be submitted online. Fax other required items (plant list, water bill, photo of site) to 925-454-5726 within 24 hours of submitting the application online, or send them as pdf attachments with an email to rebates@zone7water.com. Please put "Rebate" and your last name in the Subject line.

NEXT STEPS

- You will be notified if your application has been pre-approved, and you will be contacted to set up a site visit if needed.
- Once you receive pre-approval and a Notice to Proceed, you can start your project.
- Save all receipts as you purchase plants, mulch or irrigation equipment for the project, and make copies of them for submittal.
- To receive rebate when project is completed, submit copies of all receipts at the final inspection.



REBATES



PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

REQUIREMENTS:

- Resident **must be a water customer in good standing** with California Water Service Co.–Livermore, City of Livermore, Dublin San Ramon Services District, or City of Pleasanton.
- The area to be converted must currently be **receiving regular sprinkler irrigation**.
- You must convert at least **200 square feet** of lawn that is **visible from the sidewalk** with low-water-use, drought-tolerant or Mediterranean plants.
- At least 50% of the project area must be covered with low-water-use plants when mature. Non-planted areas must be covered with at least three inches of mulch.
- If residence is in a neighborhood governed by an HOA, printed approval letter from HOA management needs to be submitted with the application.

- **All projects must be approved prior to removing the lawn to be converted.** Projects **cannot begin** until Notice to Proceed has been issued by Zone 7 or your local water retailer.
- **Rebate is prorated at a 40/60 split and does not include sales tax.** Customers will receive 40% of the rebate upon removal of turf and/or sheet mulched in place. Customers will not be permitted to plant until after the Fall and authorized by Zone 7 staff. Receipts for plants must be dated after the authorization is given. Once planting and final inspection is completed, the remaining 60% of the rebate will be issue.

Pre- and post-conversion site inspections may be required.

- Conversion must remain installed for a **minimum of two years**.
- Each water account must be individually metered to allow for evaluation of water savings. You must check with your water utility on other program measures required. Lawn conversion rebates are available only while funds last, so apply soon!

PROJECT EXCLUSIONS

PROJECT MUST NOT INCLUDE:

- Plants that require regular summer irrigation once established.
- Artificial turf (Excluded by Zone 7; however, check with your water utility for offers).
- Non-biodegradable weed block materials.
- Exposed soil.
- Non-permeable hardscapes, such as concrete, bricks or flagstone, that have been mortared into place.
- Bare soil. All of the converted area must be covered with mulch or other alternative.
- Irrigation systems that are not capped or removed.
- Retroactive conversions.

NEW NORMS FOR YARD DESIGN

- Shrink the amount of grass in your yard. Save it for where it's most wanted and appreciated – then don't over water it!
- Replace old lawn areas with water-wise plantings and generous amounts of mulch.
- Include lots of permeable hardscapes that let water and rain soak in, and use non-thirsty groundcovers to fill bare areas.
- Use our Water-wise Gardening website for tips in designing your yard. Access it at www.zone7water.com.