



WATERWISE LANDSCAPE MULTI-FAMILY HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION REBATE

Austin Water's **WaterWise Landscape Rebate*** helps multi-family home owners associations convert turf grass to native plant beds.

** You must get pre-approval from Austin Water before beginning work.*

SAVINGS

- Installing a WaterWise landscape can reduce or end the need for extra watering.

REBATE AMOUNT

- Up to \$5,000 per property (*lifetime limit*)
 - o \$25 for every 100 square feet (*1,000 sq. ft. minimum*) converted

ELIGIBILITY

- **Applicant:**
 - o Be a multi-family home owners association (HOA) with water service from Austin Water or a **qualifying water provider**
 - o Must share one water meter or one irrigation meter
 - o Apply for pre-approval from Dec 1 - Mar 31 (*for spring rebate*) and/or Jun 1 – Sept 30 (*for fall rebate*)
 - One application accepted per pre-approval period
 - May apply in other periods for more areas until the \$5,000 limit is reached
 - Must have property owner's permission to apply (*if not the owner*)
 - o Agree to pre- and post-installation inspections by Austin Water
 - o Willing to let Austin Water track your water use and refer to the project in outreach materials
- **Conversion Area:**
 - o Must convert at least 1,000 sq. ft.
 - 75% of area must have healthy turf grass at the time of application
 - Conversions in the right-of-way or in stormwater credit areas are not eligible
 - Cannot alter or modify city-approved screening and buffering areas
 - o Must use native/adapted plants from the **Grow Green Plant Guide** (*Austin Water must approve any substitutions*)
 - Cannot replace turf grass with another type of turf grass
 - o Must have at least 50% plant cover (*at plant maturity*)
 - Must install plants from Mar 15 – May 15 (*for spring rebate*) and Sept 15- Nov 15 (*for fall rebate*)
 - o Plant beds and mulch hardscape areas must be top dressed with at least 2-3 inches of organic mulch
 - o Irrigation system must be capped off or changed to drip or low-use bubblers after conversion
 - o No new permanent irrigation system may be installed
 - o No gravel or stone may be used

CHECKLIST

- Meet all eligibility requirements on previous page
- Submit application for pre-approval **before you buy or install any materials** and include:
 - Pre-installation Photos:** show complete conversion area
 - Site Plan:** show property lines, existing plants, locations/dimensions of buildings, streets, sidewalks and driveways (*must show accurate square footage*)
 - Planting Plan:** list the types of plants that you want to use, include their mature spread, and sketch their proposed location (*does not have to be to scale*)
 - IRS Form W-9**
 - Send application materials to:
 - Mail:** Austin Water Conservation, PO Box 1088, Austin, TX 78767
 - Email:** watercon@austintexas.gov
 - Fax:** 512-974-3504
- Complete a pre-inspection (*if required*)
- Wait to receive a pre-approval letter from Austin Water
- Once you receive the pre-approval letter:
 - Buy materials and convert the area to a WaterWise landscape
 - Wait until the approved dates to install any plants (*see eligibility*)
 - Submit photos showing finished work and itemized, dated, **paid-in-full** receipts/invoices with vendor contact information to Austin Water
- Complete a post-inspection (*if required*)
- Wait 6-8 weeks for your Austin Water rebate check

QUESTIONS?

[WaterWise Landscape Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Conversion Area Measurement Guide](#)

[Sample Site & Planting Plans](#)

[WaterWise Landscape Yard Samples](#)

WATERWISE LANDSCAPE MULTI-FAMILY HOA REBATE APPLICATION**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Austin Water Account #
(leave blank if unavailable) **Or**

Qualifying Water Provider Name: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Property Owner Utility Account Holder* Both

**An account holder that is not the property owner must submit a letter from the owner giving permission to participate.*

Property Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address:
(if different) _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

REBATE INFORMATION

Current Irrigation Method: Automatic Hose-end Sprinkler Hand Water None

Current Turf Grass: _____

Proposed Conversion Area (sq.ft): _____

Estimated Start Date: _____ Estimated Completion Date: _____

Person or Company Installing: _____

REBATE AGREEMENT

I certify that all statements and representations contained in this application are true, correct and complete. I have read and understand the rebate eligibility. I have completed each of the required items on the rebate checklist and submitted all required items. I understand that incomplete applications will not be processed. Austin Water reserves the right to cancel or modify the program without notice. Rebates are subject to funding availability.

Signature

Date

WaterWiseAustin.org | watercon@austintexas.gov | 512-974-2199

CITY OF AUSTIN USE ONLY:

Eligible Square Footage: _____ / 100 = _____ x \$25 = \$ _____ Rebate

Pre-Inspection Date: _____ Inspected By: _____ Pass/ Fail

Post-Inspection Date: _____ Inspected By: _____ Pass/ Fail