



Lawn and Turf Removal Rebate Program

Rebates of up to \$1,500 for residential and \$4,500 for multi-family and commercial properties.

City of Tracy lawn and turf removal rebates support water-wise gardens that thrive in California's dry valley climate and during drought. Lower your water bill and help conserve water when you convert lawn to sustainable landscape.




By converting your landscape, you:

-  **Save water**
-  **Save money**
-  **Save time**
-  **Reduce waste**

HOW TO GET STARTED IN THREE STEPS:

- 1** Choose your rebate:
Lawn Conversion
- 2** Send in a completed application form and rebate checklist to City of Tracy.
- 3** Wait for City of Tracy approval before beginning work

RESOURCES FOR A SUCCESSFUL PROJECT:

-  Low-water plants for our local climate: <https://ucanr.edu/sites/WUCOLS/>
-  Garden design and maintenance guidance: ebmud.com/watersmart-gardener
-  Tutorials and marketplace for sheet mulching: lawntogarden.org



Lawn and Turf Removal Rebate Program Application

Eligibility:

- Rebates are reserved for front or public viewed landscaped areas currently irrigated by an active potable City of Tracy water service.
- City of Tracy rebates are subject to terms, conditions, and available program funding. Please read the entire application carefully.
- Rebates are issued as a check and may take up to 8 weeks to process.
- Only one lawn and turf rebate will be given per address. Applicant must comply with water efficient landscape ordinance as part of their design and replacement process.

Return completed form to: waterresources@cityoftracy.org or

Lawn and Turf Removal Rebate Program - Utilities Department, 333 Civic Center Drive, Tracy, CA 95376

Customer Information

Property is:

☐ Residential single- or multi-family 4 units or less
Maximum possible rebate: \$1,500

☐ Multi-family over 4 units or commercial
Maximum possible rebate: \$4,500

Irrigation only meter? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Contact Information:

Check one:

☐ Owner ☐ Tenant ☐ Property Manager ☐ Landscape Contractor

City of Tracy Water Service Account

Name	Email	Installation Address		
Phone	Owner Email	City	State	Zip Code

Tax Notice

All residential rebates that, individually or in combination, total \$600 or more in a tax year require submittal of a W-9 form to the City prior to payment. All personal information provided within the W-9 will be kept confidential in accordance with the Privacy Act. If your total rebate amount is \$600 or more, you will receive a 1099 form to comply with Internal Revenue Service requirements. The determination of whether your rebate is taxable or not may depend on several variables; you are recommended to contact your tax professional for more information.

Agreement

I, the undersigned, understand that this is a limited, first-come/first-served program and that the City of Tracy is entitled to deny any application that does not meet program requirements. I have voluntarily determined to participate in City of Tracy Lawn and Turf Removal 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 laws, ordinances and regulations. I agree that City of Tracy employees may visit the premises and verify existing conditions and that the work has been performed. By virtue of these inspections, I understand that City of Tracy 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 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 City of Tracy and the work proceeds, I agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless City of Tracy, its Council members, officers, agents and employees against any and all loss, liability, expense, claims, suits and damages, including attorneys' fees, arising out of or resulting from the installation of irrigation equipment and landscape materials.

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 and Turf Removal Rebate Requirements

NEW Tracy now provides different lawn conversion rebates. Each lawn area is only eligible for one rebate type.

Standard Rebate:
\$0.75 per square foot

Super Rebate:
\$1.00 per square foot
*requires all items marked
with  below*


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 City of Tracy water.
- ☐ Lawn conversion project has not started.
- ☐ Project will not begin until City of Tracy provides written notice of approval.

Projects must include: ☐ = 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 may be required 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

Plants

- ☐ Plants must cover 50% of the converted area once fully grown. A tree is recommended.
- ☐ Plants must be low water use for our local climate. Low-water-use plants need little or no supplemental water once established. Edible plants and trees are accepted.
-  Majority of plants are native to California.

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.
- ☐ Only biodegradable or permeable to air and water weed barriers may be used.
-  Planted areas must have ½ - 1 inch layer of compost between the soil and mulch.

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 use a pressure regulator and filter to ensure proper function.
- ☐ If there are plants with different watering needs, they must be placed in separate irrigation zones to avoid overwatering.

**Commercial projects may use high-efficiency sprinklers with approval by City for a reduced rebate (conditions apply).*

Project Timing

- ☐ Lawn conversion project will be completed within 6 months of project pre-approval.**
-  Plants will be installed between September and February.

***Super rebate projects may be given additional time to account for planting window.*

Projects must **not** include:

- ☒ Artificial turf. ☒ Low-water lawns from seed or sod. ☒ Plastic or non-biodegradable weed barriers.
- ☒ Concrete, mortared, or glued paths or patios. ☒ Cloth weed barriers installed in planted areas.
- ☒ Plants that need moderate to frequent watering once established. ☒ Plants listed as invasive on <https://www.cal-ipc.org/plants/profiles/>



Lawn and Turf Removal Rebate Application

Step 2. Complete all sections below.

☐ **Measure and sketch the lawn conversion area below or attach a sketch separately:**

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Reminder: Non-irrigated lawns and lawns already converted at the time of the pre-inspection are not eligible for a rebate.

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

I understand City of Tracy may need to schedule a rebate pre-inspection at the project site.

☐ **Provide a plant list.**

Use the space below to list plants planned for your lawn conversion area. Plants must be climate appropriate and require little to no supplemental water once established. Visit ucanr.edu/sites/WUCOLS/ for a list of approved low-water-use plants.

☞ Super rebate: mark plants that are California native with an asterisk *.

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Estimate your lawn conversion rebate:

(Projects must choose only one rebate type)

<div>..... standard</div>	<div>Sq. Ft. x \$0.75 =</div>	<div>\$.....</div>	<div>\$ Lawn Conversion Rebate Total</div>
<div>..... super</div>	<div>Sq. Ft. x \$1.00 =</div>	<div>\$.....</div>	

Step 3. Wait for City of Tracy approval before beginning work.