

City of San Marcos Turf Removal Rebate



Landscape irrigation can account for well over half of the water used in a typical home, especially if you have turf grass. Removing grass areas reduces water used for irrigation, and can also improve the beauty and functionality of your yard while reducing maintenance needs. The City of San Marcos offers rebates for replacing turf grass with materials that require little or no water for irrigation, including xeriscaped beds, pervious patios and artificial turf grass.



Eligibility

Pre-Approval is required in order to qualify for this rebate! Program is open to existing single-family residential San Marcos Water Utility customers with an account in good standing. The rebate applicant must be both the property owner and the water utility customer. Must convert area of at least 100 contiguous square feet of healthy turf grass to qualifying products below.

Qualifying Products and Rebate Amounts

Converting grass to xeriscape beds: \$0.50 per square foot converted, not to exceed 50% of project cost. All plants must be native or adapted plants from the GrowGreen Plant Guide (except turf grasses), and area must be top-dressed with at least 3 inches of organic mulch.

Converting grass to mulch, gravel or river rock hardscape: \$0.50 per square foot converted, not to exceed 50% of project cost. Mulch must be organic, rebate is not applicable to rubber mulch, and must be at least 3 inches deep. Gravel and rock must be at least 3 inches deep. Water-permeable weed barrier must be used under mulch and hardscaped areas.

Converting grass to pervious patio: \$1.00 per square foot converted, not to exceed 50% of project cost. Must use flagstone, pavers or stepping stones with sand or gravel infill to allow water infiltration. Cemented or grouted stones or pavers do not qualify. Patios must be at least 10 feet wide, rebate is not applicable to pathways. Base material must be at least 3



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inches deep and be fully permeable (sand, gravel, or soil with at least 25% compost or organic matter).

Converting grass to artificial turf: \$2.00 per square foot converted, not to exceed 50% of project cost. Must be installed per manufacturer specifications, or use base layer of 4-6 inches of gravel and 2 inches of sand.

All irrigation system components (irrigation heads, driplines, zone valves, valve boxes) in the conversion area must be removed. If an entire zone is removed, customer may also qualify for Irrigation System Upgrade Rebate.

Rebate Process

Step 1: Pre-Approval is required in order to qualify for this rebate! Customer submits completed application along with photos of turf area to be converted and site layout/diagram showing proposed installation.

Step 2: City staff will review the application packet, and will contact the customer to schedule a site inspection.

Step 3: City staff will issue a *Letter of Approval* to proceed with purchase and installation of landscaping materials.

Step 4: Customer hires contractors to perform work, or performs the work themselves. All work must meet local and state regulations. Make sure to take photos of each step (capping of irrigation system components, surface areas prep, installed base layer, and completed project).

Step 5: Upon project completion and no more than 90 days after the date of the *Letter of Approval*, customer submits itemized invoices and project photos to City staff.

Step 6: City staff will review documentation, and will contact the customer to schedule a follow-up inspection.

Step 7: Rebate is issued as a credit on customer's utility bill.

Additional Terms

- **Rebates are offered on a first come/first serve basis and are subject to availability of funds.**
- COSM may alter program requirements at any time without prior notice.
- COSM reserves the right to deny any application or refuse incentive payment for installations that do not conform to all program requirements, terms, rules and specifications.



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- Rebated products must be installed within the COSM water service area, and must remain in use at the specified address for the lifetime of the product.
- Rebate amount is pre-tax and is for purchase of landscaping materials and installation only. Rebate is not applicable to maintenance agreements, warranties, tax or any other items.
- Applicant and contractors must comply with applicable local, state and federal regulations, and must obtain all required permits and inspections.
- **The City of San Marcos does not endorse specific brands, products, contractors or dealers; nor does it guarantee materials, workmanship, performance or durability of rebated products.**



Send completed application packet to:
jklein@sanmarcostx.gov
City of San Marcos Public Services - Conservation Dept.
630 East Hopkins
San Marcos, TX 78666
512-393-8310

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Attach photos of turf area to be converted and site layout/diagram showing proposed installation. Incomplete applications will be returned to applicant.

Customer Information

Applicant name: _____ San Marcos water account #: _____

Installation address: _____

Mailing address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Current irrigation method: Automatic System Hose-end Sprinkler Hand-water None

Work to be performed by: Homeowner Contractor

Contractor Information (if applicable)

Business name: _____

Contact person name: _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Rebate Information

What type of turf grass do you have? St. Augustine Bermuda Buffalo Zoysia Other

What is the proposed conversion area in square feet? _____

What are you using to replace the turf grass (check all that apply)?

Xeriscape Bed – Plants to be used: _____

Mulch Hardscape – Type to be used: _____

River Rock – Type and size to be used: _____

Gravel Hardscape - Type and size to be used: _____

Pervious Patio – Stone, infill and base to be used: _____

Artificial Turf – Brand/model of turf to be used: _____

***I have read, understand, and agree to the City of San Marcos
Turf Removal Rebate Program requirements and terms.***

Water utility customer name (printed): _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____