

WATER CONSERVATION REBATES

Email questions to: ConserveWater@surpriseaz.gov

HOA, commercial, multifamily turf grass removal rebate

Rebate amount: \$2.00 per square foot of turf removed, up to \$6,000

Important program dates:

- Program start date: July 1, 2023
- Application deadline: March 31, 2026
- Project completion & notification deadline: May 1, 2026

Eligibility requirements:

- Applicant must be the current property owner or authorized board/business officer to apply for rebate.
- Rebates are for removing warm-season (Bermuda grass) with the following parameters:
 - Minimum removal area of 1,000 ft² of warm-season (Bermuda grass), bare dirt, or areas with less than 50% density of actively growing or dormant Bermuda are ineligible.
 - All new plants in landscape must be listed on the [Arizona Department of Water Resources \(ADWR\) plant list](#)
 - Do not use impermeable barriers such as plastic sheeting.
 - Unplanted, bare soil does not qualify.
- Turf removal and Xeriscape landscape installation must begin and conclude while the program is active: July 1, 2023 through May 1, 2026. (Must apply by March 31, 2026)
- Applications missing required information or documentation (e.g. photos, W-9, etc.) are ineligible.

Applicant steps:

- Read program requirements and contact the Water Conservation Office at ConserveWater@surpriseaz.gov for **pre-eligibility approval** prior to applying. (May include an inspection during normal business hours.)
- Take required photos as directed by Water Conservation staff following pre-eligibility approval.
- Submit online application and supply all required documentation (e.g. photos, W-9, etc.) between July 1, 2023 and March 31, 2026 at www.surpriseaz.gov/waterconservation
- Complete project and notify Water Conservation staff via email by submitting required photos by May 1, 2026.
- Allow for inspection during normal business hours.

City steps:

- Process on a first-received, first-served basis until application deadline or fund depletion, whichever occurs first.
- Provide pre-eligibility approval (Notice to Proceed), conduct inspection(s), and reserve funds pending project completion.
- Approve application and issue rebate check.

Tax information

Applicants receiving \$600 or more in rebates from the City in a calendar year must submit a W-9 form before City issues rebate. The City will send 1099 forms to applicants after December 31 each year. Contact a tax professional for more information on rebates and taxes.

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