

WaterSense®-labeled irrigation controller rebate

Rebate amount: cost of controller (up to \$125), excluding installation/labor, shipping, tax, etc.

Important program dates:

- Program start date: July 1, 2022
- Purchase & application deadline: May 1, 2023

Eligibility requirements:

- Applicant must be the current property owner to apply for and receive rebate
 - Property must receive water services from the City of Surprise (EPCOR Water customers are ineligible)
 - Residential customers: limited to one controller per property
 - Homeowner Associations (HOAs), schools, multifamily, and commercial properties:
 - Must contact the Water Conservation Office at conservewater@surpriseaz.gov for pre-eligibility approval
 - Limited to the number of devices installed on the property, up to 10 devices
 - Rebates are for purchase of one of the following:
 - WaterSense®-labeled smart irrigation controller or add-on module to an existing qualifying controller (verify on the EPA WaterSense [website](#)) and utilize **one** of the following:
 1. Historical evapotranspiration (ET) information programmed into the controller and accompanied with an active rain shut-off and temperature sensor
 2. On-site weather station connected directly to the controller
 3. Capable of receiving evapotranspiration (ET) data from regional weather stations through satellite feeds
 - Receipt (proof of payment, not an invoice with a “balance due”) must include:
 - Purchase date must be from July 1, 2022 through May 1, 2023
 - Itemized list of device(s) including:
 - make and model number
- OR**
- SKU (found on the bar code on product packaging)
 - Cost of each device minus any labor, parts, shipping, tax, etc.
- Applications missing required information or documentation (including required receipt) are ineligible

Applicant steps:

- Read program requirements
- Purchase and install eligible device controller (verify on the EPA WaterSense [website](#))
- Complete online application and supply all required documentation (Note: online application will be available on July 1, 2022 at www.surpriseaz.gov/waterconservation)
- Allow for inspection during normal business hours

City steps:

- Process rebates on a first-received, first-served basis until either application deadline or fund depletion occurs
- Conduct inspection during normal business hours to verify installation
- 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.

Email questions to: ConserveWater@surpriseaz.gov

Single-family new home Xeriscape landscape installation

Rebate amount: \$200 for installing a low-water-use Xeriscape landscape

Important program dates:

- Program start date: July 1, 2022
- Application deadline: April 17, 2023
- Project completion & notification deadline: May 1, 2023

Eligibility requirements:

- Applicant must be the current property owner to apply for and receive rebate
- Property must:
 - be a new, single-family residential home, purchased within two years prior to date of application
 - receive water services from the City of Surprise (EPCOR Water customers are ineligible)
- Rebates are for installing Xeriscape landscape with the following parameters:
 - Total front and backyard landscaped area must exceed 1,000 ft²
 - All plants in landscape must be listed on the [Arizona Department of Water Resources \(ADWR\) plant list](#)
 - Total backyard landscaped area must be at least 80% non-grass. Hardscape such as pools, buildings, patios, pavers, concrete, driveways, etc. **do not** count as part of the landscaped square footage
 - Do not use impermeable barriers such as plastic sheeting
 - Landscape both front and backyard by completion deadline to receive rebate (unplanted, bare soil and artificial grass do not qualify).
- Backyard Xeriscape landscape installation must begin and conclude while the program is active: July 1, 2022 through May 1, 2023 (must apply by April 17, 2023)
- Front yard can be landscaped at time of application with ADWR plants, however, no grass/turf allowed
- Applications missing required information or documentation (e.g. photos) 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)
- Submit online application and supply all required documentation/photos between July 1, 2022 and April 17, 2023 at www.surpriseaz.gov/waterconservation
 - Submit at least two photos each of front and backyard landscape, all taken from different angles
 - Photos must be taken within one week of application date
- Complete project and notify Water Conservation staff via email by submitting required photos by May 1, 2023
- 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, conduct inspection(s), and reserve funds pending project completion
- Approve application and issue rebate check

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Single Family Residential turf removal rebate

Rebate amount: \$0.50 per square foot of turf removed, up to \$500

Important program dates:

- Program start date: August 1, 2022
- Application deadline: March 31, 2023
- Project completion & notification deadline: May 1, 2023

Eligibility requirements:

- Applicant must be the current property owner to apply for the rebate.
- Property must receive water services from the City of Surprise (EPCOR Water customers are ineligible)
- Rebates are for removing warm-season (Bermuda grass) with the following parameters:
 - Minimum removal area of 500 ft² of warm-season (Bermuda grass)
 - Bare dirt, or areas with less than 50% density of actively growing or dormant Bermuda are ineligible
 - Replacement landscaping can include any non-water intensive materials. This includes low-water-use plants, decking, pavers, decomposed granite (rock), and/or artificial turf.
 - Replacement landscaping must include installation of living, desert-adapted plants such that a minimum canopy coverage of 30% is achieved. The expected mature size of plants can count towards this coverage. Bare soil will not be approved. Trunk or stem of the new plant must be in the converted area to count.
 - 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
 - Fountains, pools and other water-intensive features may not be installed in the removal area.
 - Turf removal and Xeriscape landscape installation must begin and conclude while the program is active: August 1, 2022 through May 1, 2023 (must apply by March 31, 2023)
- 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 August 1, 2022 and March 31, 2023 at www.surpriseaz.gov/waterconservation
- Complete project and notify Water Conservation staff via email by submitting required photos by May 1, 2023
- 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

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HOA, commercial, multifamily turf removal rebate

Rebate amount: \$0.50 per square foot of turf removed, up to \$3,000

Important program dates:

- Program start date: July 1, 2022
- Application deadline: March 31, 2023
- Project completion & notification deadline: May 1, 2023

Eligibility requirements:

- Applicant must be the current property owner or authorized board/business officer to apply for rebate
- Property must receive water services from the City of Surprise (EPCOR Water customers are ineligible)
- 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 and artificial grass do not qualify.
- Turf removal and Xeriscape landscape installation must begin and conclude while the program is active: July 1, 2022 through May 1, 2023 (must apply by March 31, 2023)
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