

WATER CONSERVATION REBATES

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, 2023
- Purchase & application deadline: May 1, 2024

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, 2023 through May 1, 2024.
 - 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, 2023 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.

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WATER CONSERVATION REBATES

Single-family new home Xeriscape landscape installation

Rebate amount: \$400 for installing a low-water-use Xeriscape landscape

Important program dates:

- Program start date: July 1, 2023
- Application deadline: April 15, 2024
- Project completion & notification deadline: May 1, 2024

Applicant steps:

- Read program requirements and contact the Water Conservation Office at ConserveWater@surpriseaz.gov for approval prior to applying.
- Submit online application and supply all required documentation/photos between July 1, 2023 and April 15, 2024 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, 2024.
- Allow for post-completion inspection during normal business hours.

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
 - Hardscape such as pools, buildings, patios, pavers, concrete, driveways, etc. **do not** count as part of the landscaped square footage.
 - 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. Trunk or stem of the new plant must be in the converted area to count.
 - 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.
 - Do **not** use impermeable barriers such as plastic sheeting.
 - Landscape both front and backyard by completion deadline to receive rebate. (Unplanted or bare soil does not qualify).
- Backyard Xeriscape landscape installation must begin and conclude while the program is active: July 1, 2023 through May 1, 2024. (Must apply by April 15, 2024.)
- 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.

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: \$1.00 per square foot of turf removed, up to \$1000

Important program dates:

- Program start date: July 1, 2023
- Application deadline: March 31, 2024
- Project completion & notification deadline: May 1, 2024

Applicant steps:

- Read program requirements and contact the Water Conservation Office at ConserveWater@surpriseaz.gov.
- Submit online application and supply all required documentation (e.g. photos, W-9, etc.) between July 1, 2023 and March 31, 2024 at www.surpriseaz.gov/waterconservation.
- **Must** obtain pre-eligibility inspection during normal business hours prior to installation.
- Water Conservation will take photos confirming living turf during the pre-eligibility inspection.
- Complete project and notify Water Conservation staff via email by submitting required photos by May 1, 2024
- Allow for a post-inspection during normal business hours.

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.
 - Up to 500 square feet of artificial turf, decomposed granite, or permeable pavers will be eligible for rebate.
 - Projects in excess of 500 square feet must include installation of living, desert-adapted plants with a minimum canopy coverage of 30%. The expected mature size of plants can count towards this coverage. Canopy coverage will reduce heat in the landscape. 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: July 1, 2023 through May 1, 2024. (Must apply by March 31, 2024)
- Applications missing required information or documentation (e.g. photos, W-9, etc.) are ineligible.

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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WATER CONSERVATION REBATES

HOA, commercial, multifamily turf removal rebate

Rebate amount: \$1.00 per square foot of turf removed, up to \$3,000

Important program dates:

- Program start date: July 1, 2023
- Application deadline: March 31, 2024
- Project completion & notification deadline: May 1, 2024

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, 2023 through May 1, 2024. (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 July 1, 2023 and March 31, 2024 at www.surpriseaz.gov/waterconservation
- Complete project and notify Water Conservation staff via email by submitting required photos by May 1, 2024.
- 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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