

## 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, 2021
- Purchase & application deadline: April 30, 2022

### 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](mailto: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, 2021 through April 30, 2022
    - 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, 2021 at [www.surpriseaz.gov/waterconservation](http://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](mailto: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, 2021
- Application deadline: April 15, 2022
- Project completion & notification deadline: April 30, 2022

### 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 ft<sup>2</sup>
  - 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, 2021 through April 30, 2022 (must apply by April 15, 2022)
- 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](mailto: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, 2021 and April 15, 2022 at [www.surpriseaz.gov/waterconservation](http://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 April 30, 2022
- 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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## 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, 2021
- Application deadline: March 31, 2022
- Project completion & notification deadline: April 30, 2022

### 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 ft<sup>2</sup> 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. Note: Due to the Health Advisory on potential lead exposure issued by the Center for Disease Control in June of 2008, the installation of artificial grass will not qualify for a landscape rebate.
- Turf removal and Xeriscape landscape installation must begin and conclude while the program is active: July 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022 (must apply by March 31, 2022)
- 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](mailto: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, 2021 and March 31, 2022 at [www.surpriseaz.gov/waterconservation](http://www.surpriseaz.gov/waterconservation)
- Complete project and notify Water Conservation staff via email by submitting required photos by April 30, 2022
- 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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