

CITY OF LOMPOC

SMART LANDSCAPE REBATE PROGRAM

The City of Lompoc is offering all water customers (who pay a water bill), a rebate of \$2 per square foot up to 500 square feet to remove turf and replace it with water wise landscaping to increase water efficiency. **Bare earth areas do not qualify. Turf must still be in place at the time of application for the rebate to be approved.**

Any combination of the following water wise landscape materials and irrigation equipment costs may qualify for a one-time, maximum rebate amount of \$1000 applied as a credit on a water account, not to exceed the cost of materials. **(Receipts are required and labor is not included.)**

- **Water Wise Plants, Artificial Turf, Mulch, Permeable Landscape Material and Irrigation Equipment:** Eligible water wise landscape include: native or water wise plants, artificial turf and mulch. The rebated portion of the converted landscape must include plants in a minimum of 25% of the converted area at maturity. Eligible plants can be found at (www.ucanr.edu/sites/WUCOLS) Permeable landscape material may include bark, gravel, and rock. Pavers, brick and flagstone are allowed with permeable grout. Decomposed granite is limited to 25% of area converted. (Planted areas must be covered with a 2-3 inch layer of mulch). Weed barriers must be permeable. Irrigation equipment includes: drip irrigation equipment and smart irrigation controllers. (Existing spray irrigation for grass is not permitted in converted areas and must be capped off.) **Please note that decks, patios, buildings, block walls, concrete, plastic sheeting, and other impermeable surfaces do not qualify for a rebate.**

Landscape projects for new construction are not eligible.

Commercial customers must submit landscape plans to the City of Lompoc Planning Division prior to approval for the rebate. The Planning Division requires that water wise plants cover at least 40% of the area converted and that decomposed granite is limited to walkways.

All projects must be approved before removal by City of Lompoc Conservation Division to receive a rebate. The project must be completed within 120 days of the date of approval by City staff.

In order to receive a rebate, the water bill must be in the applicant's name and the following steps must be completed prior to issuing a rebate.

Pre-Qualification Process - Submit the following to Utility Conservation Division before turf is removed. All information must be submitted to the Utility Conservation Division for approval. Submittals can be made to Jennifer Main, Utility Conservation Coordinator at City Hall, by email at j_main@ci.lompoc.ca.us or by mail (100 Civic Center Plaza, Lompoc, CA 93438). For questions about the approval process, please call (805) 875-8252.

1. Smart Landscape Rebate Program Agreement.
2. Two different colored photos of the area that will be converted. Pictures must show the complete area that will be converted. Front yard conversions must have one picture taken from the street.
3. Plan of your existing landscape. Include measurements (in feet).
4. Plan of the proposed water wise landscape area which shows all materials that will be installed including type of plants, irrigation equipment and materials.
5. List of all materials that will be installed, including the amount and type of plants.

Post-Installation Process - Submit the following to the Utility Conservation Division:

1. Final plan of completed landscape area showing all materials and plants that were installed. Provide a separate list of all plants including type and amount of plants, irrigation equipment and type of materials installed.
2. Itemized list of all plants and materials installed and associated their associated cost. Copy of receipts for all plants and materials must be included and the items installed must be highlighted. (Labor is not included.)
3. Two different colored photos of the entire completed landscape area.

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(Agreement)

READ THIS AGREEMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

This Contract is entered into on this _____ by and between the
City of Lompoc, State of California, and _____,
(Utility Customer Name – Please Print)
a resident of the City of Lompoc located at _____.
(Service Address)

The City of Lompoc has enacted the Smart Landscape Rebate Program to assist customers (who pay a water bill) in making changes to existing landscapes to improve water efficiency by providing an economic incentive to replace grass with water wise landscape and irrigation equipment. Converted areas must replace grass. Bare earth areas do not qualify. Grass must be in place at the time of application for the rebate to be approved.

I understand that the City will provide a one-time rebate of \$2 per square foot of grass removed up to 500 square feet or \$1,000 to include any combination of the following up to but not to exceed the cost of the materials: (Receipts are required and labor is not included.)

- **Water Wise Plants, Artificial Turf, Mulch, Permeable Landscape Material and Irrigation Equipment:** Eligible water wise landscape include: native or water wise plants, artificial turf and mulch. Permeable landscape material may include bark, gravel, and rock. Pavers, brick and flagstone are allowed with permeable grout. Decomposed granite is limited to 25% of area converted. The rebated portion of the converted landscape must include plants in a minimum of 25% of the converted area at maturity. Weed barriers must be permeable. Irrigation equipment includes: drip irrigation equipment and smart irrigation controllers. (Existing spray irrigation for grass is not permitted in converted areas and must be capped off.) **Please note that decks, patios, buildings, block walls, concrete, plastic sheeting, and other impermeable surfaces do not qualify for a rebate and must be excluded from rebate footage.**

I agree to maintain all new water-efficient plants and materials and retain at least 2 inches of mulch cover in planted areas for a period of not less than three years from the date of installation.

I agree to indemnify, defend and hold City, its officers and employees harmless from all costs, expenses, losses, liabilities, and judgments arising out of or caused by the installation, use or maintenance of the water-wise plants and water efficient irrigation.

By signing below, I indicate that I agree to the terms and conditions of the Smart Landscape Rebate Program. It is the applicant's responsibility to submit all required information to the City before removal of existing landscape to be qualified and all required information to the City after installation to receive a rebate. Failure to comply with these terms and condition and those detailed on this agreement are automatic grounds for disqualification from the program. I understand that the rebate will be applied to my water bill as a credit.

This is a full and final statement of my Contract with the City with regard to the Smart Landscape Rebate Program. No modification of this Contract shall be valid unless evidenced in writing and executed by the parties thereto.

Signature of Customer: _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____ Telephone #: _____
(If different from Utility Service Address)

Email address: _____ Account #: _____

How Did You Hear About the Rebate? _____

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Total Rebate Amount: \$ _____ Total Square Feet of Grass Removed: _____