

TURF REMOVAL REBATE PROGRAM

The Coachella Water Authority & Sanitary District (CWASD) proudly offers a turf removal rebate program for residents and businesses who want to replace their grass with water-friendly plants. The purpose of this rebate program is to encourage alternatives to grass that use less water and beautify the landscape.

Are you interested in participating in the Authority's turf removal rebate program? Follow these steps to get your rebate:

1. **Read all the terms and conditions** of the program and think about how you want to convert your desert landscaping.
2. **Complete and submit the Application** — Funding is limited and is available on a first come, first serve basis. We encourage you to submit your application as soon as possible.
3. **Do NOT** kill or remove turf until you receive application approval from the Coachella Water Authority & Sanitary District.
4. **Contact Dig-Alert** at 811 to get clearance for your project before you start.
5. **Finish your project within 120 days** from the date on your Rebate Reservation Confirmation.
6. **Submit photos** of completed project.
7. **Check your mailbox** for your rebate check.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Rebates are available for residential and commercial properties that have received an approved application. Projects that were completed prior to rebate reservation approval are not eligible.

The residential property must receive water service from the City of Coachella.

Areas to be converted must have turf currently irrigated with potable water.

Conversions must comply with all applicable laws, codes, policies, covenants, conditions, and restrictions.

Only property owners may apply for the rebate or a written letter of agreement from the owner must be submitted.

The converted area must contain enough plants to create at least 50% living plant cover when plants are fully grown. Trees do not count toward coverage.

This rebate does not apply to conversions that use only pavers, concrete, mulch or rock.

The converted area may not include any live turf.

If you plan to remove over 1,000 square feet of turf or convert more than 50% of your irrigated area, please contact Coachella Water Authority & Sanitary District for additional information.

Plants used in the yard must be water-friendly.

Spray and rotor irrigation systems must be retrofitted to low-volume drip systems.

DO NOT remove or in any way damage existing City street trees.

All fire hydrants must have a 3-foot (on center) clear area surrounding them, where no plantings should be placed. A 3" layer of mulch surrounding fire hydrants is acceptable.

Funding is limited and is available on a first come, first serve basis. We encourage you to submit your application as soon as possible.

If your application is approved, Coachella Water Authority & Sanitary District will provide you with a rebate reservation number and anticipated rebate amount. Do not start your project until your application is approved.

The rebate amount is \$3 per square foot of turf removed. The maximum rebate amount is \$3,000.

Rebate reservations are valid for 120 days.

Converted area and irrigated area measurements are subject to inspection and verification by Coachella Water Authority & Sanitary District.

The converted area must remain in compliance with all program conditions for a period of 5 years and must be properly maintained during that time. If this requirement is violated, you may be required to refund all or a portion of the rebate, which may be recovered through a surcharge on your water bill over a time period deemed appropriate by Coachella Water Authority & Sanitary District. The requirement to refund some or all of a previously granted rebate will cease upon transfer of ownership to an unrelated party.

Artificial turf is not allowed.



WE'RE HERE TO HELP

If you have any questions along the way, please call us at (760) 501-8100 or (760) 398-3502. For more information, Please visit ConserveCoachella.com

REBATE APPLICATION // HOW TO MEASURE YOUR TURF

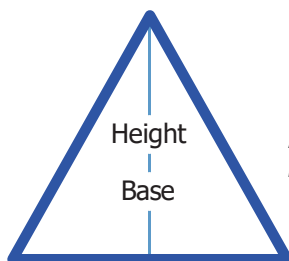
Step 1: Sketch the shape of the area of lawn that you want to remove.

Step 2: Most landscapes are not perfectly shaped. If yours is irregular, break the landscape into separate squares, rectangles, circles and triangles. Measure the square footage of each shape and then add the area measurements together.



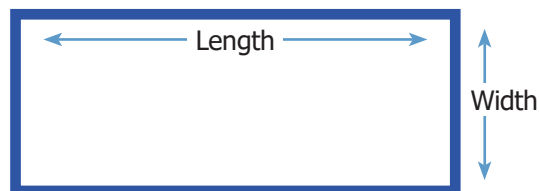
What you'll need:

- ☐ Tape measure or measuring wheel
- ☐ Plain or graph paper



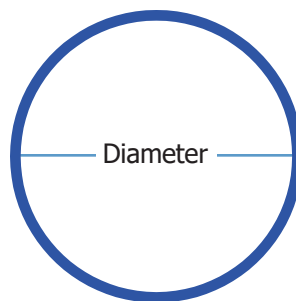
REGULAR TRIANGLE

Area = Base x Height x 0.5
in feet



RECTANGLE or SQUARE

Area = Length x Width
in feet

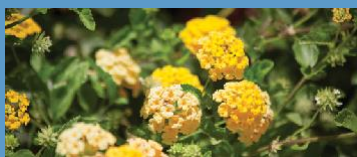
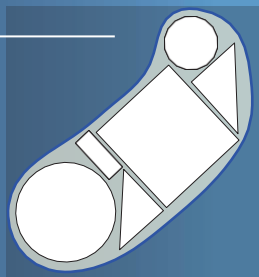


CIRCLE

Radius = diameter x 0.5
Area = 3.14 x radius x radius
in feet

Example for odd shaped areas:

1. Segment the turf area into large geometric shapes, as shown on right.
2. Measure each shape and calculate the area.
3. Add the area measurements for the total estimated area.



REBATE APPLICATION // PROPOSED PLANT LIST

Plant list **MUST** be included before a Rebate Reservation will be issued. Plants for parkways and front yards must be drought resistant.

**ESTIMATED COVERAGE CALCULATION WORKSHEET**

Use this worksheet to ensure your project meets the coverage requirements. Use additional sheets as necessary. The converted area must contain enough plants to create at least 50% living plant cover when plants are fully grown. **Trees do not count toward coverage.** If you need assistance with coverage calculations or additional information, please call (760) 501-8100.

A – Estimated total square feet to be removed		B – Required Coverage (A x 0.5)	

C – Plant name	D – Number of plants to be used	E – Mature coverage per plant	F – Total coverage (C x D)
Grand Total*			

*Grand Total of coverage in Box F **MUST** exceed the required coverage in Box B





REBATE APPLICATION // PROJECT SKETCH

Please use this space to draw a detailed sketch of your proposed plan.

REBATE APPLICATION // APPLICANT INFORMATION

Property Owner _____

Daytime Phone Number _____

Email _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

**PROJECT INFORMATION**

Property Type: ☐ Single Family Home
☐ Duplex/Triplex/Fourplex ☐ Townhome

Total Lot Size: _____**Property Address:** _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

☐ Same as mailing address**Water Service Account Number** (include copy of recent bill): _____**Total estimated square footage of turf to be removed:** _____**How is turf currently irrigated?**

☐ Automatic sprinklers ☐ Manual sprinklers ☐ Hand water
☐ Other _____

What type of irrigation controller do you use?

☐ Automatic controller ☐ Smart controller
☐ None ☐ Other _____

How do you plan to complete your project?

☐ Self ☐ Contractor ☐ Other _____

Note: If you are a member of a homeowner's association (HOA), be sure to get approval prior to proceeding with your project. HOAs are required to comply with City landscape rules but participation in this program still requires compliance with HOA rules.

RESERVATION REQUEST CHECKLIST

To request a rebate reservation, submit the following:

- ☐ Original completed, signed Application Part 1
- ☐ Copy of your recent water bill
- ☐ Copy of your Driver's License
- ☐ A detailed site plan for the proposed project including a list of drought-tolerant plants to be used
- ☐ 2-3 current color photos of each area where you plan to remove turf. Email photos to nnovoa@coachella.org with your name, address, location, and date picture was taken.
- ☐ Keep a copy for your records.

Note to Applicant:

This application will first go through a review process to approval site plan, plants, and material in order to proceed with the conversion project, this does not guarantee reimbursement, applicant must follow city's terms and conditions of the rebate program to qualify. Once it's reviewed to proceed, applicant will be issued a number to commence project and will have 120 calendar days from date of preliminary approval. After conversion is complete, please call the City to submit "after" photos of the conversion, and final inspection to be approved for reimbursement. Thank you.

Office Use Only:

Preliminary Review x _____

Final Approval x _____

Comments: _____

REBATE APPLICATION // ADDITIONAL DETAILS

Coachella Water Authority & Sanitary District makes no representation or warranty relating to contracted services or products that may be installed in converted areas, including any hazardous substances that may be contained in any product. Removal of turf and installation of water efficient devices will help reduce water use but does not guarantee that less water will be used. Water use depends on many factors, including plant types, proper sprinkler settings, and personal water use habits. This application is for a rebate only. By participating in the program, you waive and release Coachella Water Authority & Sanitary District and its employees, from any and all claims and causes of action arising out of the removal of turf and/or the purchase, installation or use of devices in connection with this Turf Removal rebate program. Any claim you may have based upon any defect or failure of performance of a contracted service or device purchased by you should be pursued with the contractor or manufacturer/distributor. Coachella Water Authority & Sanitary District only enforces the terms and conditions of the Turf Removal Program. The applicant is responsible for complying with all applicable laws, codes, policies, covenants, conditions and restrictions that may apply. Quality and appearance of the converted area is the responsibility of the applicant and may be reviewed periodically by Coachella Water Authority & Sanitary District to ensure program compliance.

Failure to maintain the property in program compliance may result in the participant being required to refund all or a portion of the rebate. By signing below, the applicant consents to the recovery by Coachella Water Authority & Sanitary District of all or a portion of a previously granted rebate for a property not maintained in compliance with the program through a surcharge on the applicant's water bill over a period of time deemed appropriate by Coachella Water Authority & Sanitary District.

Right of Entry

By signing below, the applicant represents that he or she is the owner of the real property for which a rebate is requested ("Property"), and that he or she has the right to authorize Coachella Water Authority & Sanitary District and its employees to enter onto the Property. The applicant: (i) authorizes Coachella Water Authority & Sanitary District and its employees to enter upon any unfenced front or side yard for which a rebate is requested as described in this application, at any time without further notice to the applicant or any occupant of the Property; and (ii) agrees to cooperate with Coachella Water Authority & Sanitary District to provide access to Coachella Water Authority & Sanitary District employees to any portion of the applicant's fenced front or side yard, for the purpose of verifying the conversion of the Property's landscaping described in this application, and verifying the ongoing maintenance of the converted area.

Right to Use Photographs and Consumption Information

By signing below, the applicant grants to Coachella Water Authority & Sanitary District and its employees a license to publish, advertise, and otherwise use any photographs submitted by the applicant. The applicant understands and acknowledges that Coachella Water Authority & Sanitary District may include such photographs in brochures, websites, and other materials advertising the turf removal program without compensation to the applicant. The applicant further grants Coachella Water Authority & Sanitary District the right to share the applicant's water consumption data with any public agency that has or does provide funding or furnish water to Coachella Water Authority & Sanitary District, and acknowledges that such data may be used by such agencies for various purposes.

Signature (required)

By signing below, the applicant agrees to comply with the program terms and conditions, as well as all Federal, State and local codes, including covenants, conditions and restrictions, as applicable. The applicant has read, understands and agrees to the terms and conditions of the program as outlined and certifies that the information on the application is complete and accurate.

Print Name

Property Owner Signature

Date

SUBMIT COMPLETED TURF REBATE APPLICATION:



Coachella Water Authority & Sanitary District
53462 Enterprise Way
Coachella, CA 92236