

Turf Removal Program Terms and Conditions

Please carefully read the instructions, guidelines and terms below. This program is sponsored by Golden State Water Company.

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

Rebates are available for residential, commercial, and large landscape properties. You must provide a completed application and an Authorization to Proceed BEFORE initiating any work on your project. Projects that are underway or already completed prior to receiving the Notice to Proceed are not eligible.

- The property must receive water service from GSWC;
- Areas to be converted must have live turf being irrigated with potable water at the time the Authorization to Proceed is issued;
- All turf removal conversions, including historic sites, are subject to the terms of their local agency's landscape ordinance and must comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, as well as applicable CC &Rs and/or HOA restrictions.

Since funding is limited, this offer is limited and is available on a first-come, first-served basis to eligible participants only while funding lasts.

In order for the rebate to be issued to you, all program requirements must be met, including completion of your project prior to September 1, 2012.

PROGRAM TERMS

- Only one Turf Removal rebate per address will be issued. Please apply for the maximum area you plan to convert
- A minimum of 250 square feet of turf must be removed. Projects less than 250 sq. ft. may qualify if they will completely eliminate turf from a property
- A maximum of rebate of \$3,000 will be paid. Projects more than 2,000 sq. ft. will be considered by GSWC on a case-by-case basis.
- Authorizations to Proceed are valid for ninety (90) days, projects must be completed and the Post-Inspection scheduled prior to the notice expiring.

Rebates may be considered taxable income and a signed W-9 form is required for rebates of \$600.00 or more. GSWC is not responsible for any taxes, penalties or interest that may be imposed in connection with your receipt of any rebate.

Converted areas are subject to mandatory and Pre and Post-Inspections. If the pre and/or Post-Inspections cannot be scheduled and completed during program term, the application will be denied and no rebate will be issued.

The converted area must remain in compliance with all program conditions for a period of five (5) years. If this requirement is violated, you may be required to refund all or a portion of the rebate. This requirement to maintain program conditions is not binding on successor owners.

PARTICIPATION INSTRUCTIONS

Projects that are underway or already completed prior to the mandatory Pre-Turf Removal Site Inspection (Pre-inspection) are not eligible.

Please complete all sections of the application and return it, along with a copy of your recent water bill, to:

Golden State Water Company
Turf Removal Program
1920 West Corporate Way
Anaheim, CA 92801

Submit no less than three (3) color photos of the areas to be removed showing live turf.

Commercial applicants must include a simple site plan of the area to be removed along with their application submittal. After we have received your application and establish eligibility under the guidelines below, you will be contacted within two (2) weeks to schedule the mandatory Pre-Inspection. If the information provided does not establish eligibility, your application will be returned with a Denial Letter. You must provide the inspectors with full access to the proposed project site during daylight hours. Once your Pre-Inspection is complete and you are determined to be eligible, the inspector will provide you with an Authorization to Proceed and you may begin your project. You will have sixty (60) days from the receipt of the notice to complete the work. If you hire a contractor to perform the work, a copy of the receipt for materials and labor must be submitted.

As soon as all work is complete, you must contact Golden State Water Company (GSWC) by email mpuffer@gswater.com or call to indicate that the work is completed. GSWC will then make arrangements to schedule your mandatory Post Turf Removal Site Inspection (Post Inspection). You must again provide the inspectors with full access to the project site during daylight hours. After this final, mandatory Post Inspection to verify the amount of turf removed, your rebate check will be mailed to you within for (4) to six (6) weeks

All work performed in association with the project, including the Post-Inspection, must be completed by Sept. 1, 2012.

Upon completion, the converted area must meet the following requirements.

- The removal area does not include any live or synthetic turf.
- The watering system, if any, must be a low flow system (drip, bubblers, high efficiency, low precipitation, or rotating nozzles). If part of the lawn is converted, the sprinkler system must be properly modified to provide adequate coverage to the remaining lawn without spraying the converted area.
- All exposed soil must be covered with a 2-3" layer of mulch, except in areas planted with creeping or rooting ground groundcovers.
- Converted areas must be permeable to air and water. Weed barriers must be permeable. Concrete, plastic sheeting, or other impermeable surfaces do not qualify for incentives under the program.
- No invasive plant species are used. Visit the California Invasive Plant Council at <http://.cal-ipc.org/> for a list of plants to avoid.

RELEASE OR CLAIMS AND INDEMNIFICATION

Removal of turf and installation of water efficient devices and plants does not guarantee reduced water use. By participating in the program and accepting the rebates provided, you thereby release GSWC from any and all claims and causes of action that may arise out of your removal of turf from your property and/or the purchase, installation, and/or use of water efficient devices in connection with this Turf Removal Program. Any and all claims or causes of action you may have in connection with any defect or failure of performance of any contracted service or installed product or device provided to you for your project may only be pursued with the contractor you hired or the appropriate manufacturer/distributor. Quality of work and appearance of the converted area are the responsibility of the participant. Further, you agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless GSWC from all liability and claims of any kind arising out of or related to your removal of turf and purchase, installation, and use of water efficiency devices in connection with the program.