

# Water Efficient Landscapes Rebate Program



**Create a greener landscape by removing lawns and upgrading to more efficient irrigation equipment**



The Town of Windsor is offering rebates for the removal of turf grass or for the purchase of sprinkler equipment upgrades that improve the efficiency of your existing irrigation system. An efficient sprinkler system minimizes water losses (leaks, runoff, & overspray) and evenly delivers more of the water to the plants where it is needed. Raising your system efficiency reduces both the cost and the amount of water needed to maintain a healthy landscape. You can save even more water and money by replacing your turf and lawn sprinkler system with low water use plants watered by a drip irrigation system, or by replacing your lawn with mulch, landscape rock, or other water permeable landscape materials.

**Rebate Guidelines: 50% off equipment / \$0.50 ft<sup>2</sup> turf**

- Applicant agrees to complete a pre-inspection visit, along with a site water use assessment before the start of work. An application form for your project will be provided following completion of the pre-inspection. **Call 838-5357 to schedule an appointment.**
- Read the complete list of terms and conditions as shown on the back of this form. **Failure to read and abide by the terms and conditions will result in the denial of your rebate.**
- After pre-inspection approval, you have 120 days to complete the turf removal and/or irrigation system upgrade. A completed and signed application form must be submitted to a water conservation representative of the Town during the post-installation inspection. Equipment rebates require submission of the original **itemized** purchase receipt(s). The final inspection must be scheduled and completed within the 120 day period.
- Following final approval, a rebate will be applied as a credit to the water service account of record.
- Installation labor costs, sales tax, delivery charges, and new construction are not rebated.
- **Tenants / Renters** must receive written consent of the property owner to participate in the rebate program. A completed Town of Windsor tenant permission form must be submitted to a water conservation representative at the time of the pre-inspection appointment.
- **Turf removal rebate** applies only to lawns that are green, regularly mowed, irrigated and well taken care of. Dead lawns or lawns already removed at the time of the pre-inspection visit are not eligible for a rebate. Sprinkler irrigation must be converted to a low volume drip irrigation system. Rebate amount is based on \$0.50 per square foot up to the listed maximum. Artificial turf and impermeable surfaces do not qualify.

**REBATES FOR: Residential Meters - up to \$350  
Mixed Use Meters - up to \$650 ♦ Commercial Irrigation Meters - up to \$2,500**

## Rebate Eligible Irrigation Equipment & Hardware Includes:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Weather-based ET Controllers</li><li>• Pressure regulating equipment</li><li>• Drip irrigation retrofit</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Flow sensors</li><li>• Moisture sensors</li><li>• Check valves</li><li>• Rotating multi-stream nozzles</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Low precipitation single stream nozzles</li><li>• Rain shut off devices</li><li>• Other <u>pre-approved</u> equipment</li></ul> |
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## Terms and Conditions of Agreement

- 1) Approved water efficient landscape materials must be installed within the water service area of the Town of Windsor only.
- 2) Following final approval, a rebate will be applied to the water service account of record. Rebates are offered on a first-come, first-served basis and are subject to availability of funds.
- 3) Turf removal rebate is calculated at \$0.50 per square foot removed, and applies only to lawns that are green, regularly mowed, irrigated and well taken care of. Dead lawns or lawns already removed at the time of the pre-inspection are not eligible for a rebate. **No rebate is offered for installation of artificial turf or impermeable surfaces in place of lawns.**
- 4) Lawns can only be replaced with low-water use plants utilizing a drip irrigation system, or with permeable landscape surfaces (mulch, decomposed granite, etc.). At a minimum, drip irrigation systems shall be equipped with pressure regulation, filtration, and a flush end assembly.
- 5) Lawn may not be reinstalled while you maintain ownership of the property. If lawn is reinstalled during that time, the entire rebate amount must be refunded.
- 6) Eligible water-efficient landscape materials include materials that improve water-use efficiency in the landscaping as determined by Town of Windsor water conservation staff.
- 7) Applicants for lawn or equipment upgrades must have an existing irrigation system in good working order with an operable automatic controller.
- 8) Equipment rebates are calculated at 50% of the purchase price and apply only to the cost of materials. Installation costs, sales tax, delivery charges, and new construction are not rebated.
- 9) Applicants must agree that all sites are subject to inspection by Town of Windsor staff prior to and after rebate distribution.
- 10) Upon inspection, if eligible rebated landscape material is not installed, the rebate will be forfeited.
- 11) Applications must be submitted within 120 days of pre-inspection date. Rebates may take up to 6 weeks to process.
- 12) Please make copies of original receipt(s) as they will not be returned.
- 13) Incomplete applications and those without original, **itemized** purchase receipts or **itemized** invoice will be denied.
- 14) A separate application must be submitted for each metered address.
- 15) Rebates apply to water meter(s) providing water for irrigation, i.e. meters serving indoor and outdoor and dedicated irrigation only.
- 16) Residential customers are eligible for rebates up to \$350 per meter.
- 17) Multi-family and commercial customers are eligible for rebates up to \$650 per mixed use water meter.
- 18) Commercial customers are eligible for rebates up to \$2,500 per dedicated irrigation water meter.
- 19) Rebates are awarded at the discretion of Town of Windsor water conservation staff.
- 20) Customer accounts must be current and non-delinquent (i.e. no past due balances) at the time the rebate application is processed. No rebate will be given to customers whose accounts are delinquent.
- 21) A completed Town of Windsor tenant permission form must be submitted at the time of the pre-inspection appointment, certifying that all necessary permissions have been obtained from the property owner if the applicant is not the owner themselves.

## Frequently Asked Questions:

- Q. Do I have to have a pre & post inspection performed?  
A. Yes. The Town of Windsor provides the pre & post inspection free of charge.
- Q. Do I qualify if I own a new home or business that does not yet have landscaping?  
A. No. The rebate does not cover new construction.
- Q. Does all irrigation equipment purchased qualify for a rebate?  
A. No. A list of eligible equipment will be provided during the pre-inspection appointment.
- Q. Can I participate if I have already completed my landscape project?  
A. No. The rebate is only for projects approved in advance.
- Q. Can I get a rebate for delivery charges or tools and equipment rental?  
A. No. The rebate covers irrigation hardware and landscape materials only.
- Q. How many times can I apply for a rebate?  
A. Once per site.
- Q. Do fences, trellises, retaining walls, hot tubs, pools or sheds qualify for a rebate?  
A. No. These structures serve purposes other than water conservation.
- Q. Can I perform the irrigation and/or landscape improvements myself?  
A. Yes. Property owners, or tenants with property owner permission, can make their own improvements.
- Q. Do I have to get my contractor's sales receipts?  
A. No. The contractor's sales receipts are for their business records. They are required, however, to provide you with an itemized invoice that separates the cost of materials and labor.
- Q. Do I have to provide the Town of Windsor with a receipt that shows the itemized cost of materials?  
A. Yes. All material costs must be itemized.

Have additional questions? Contact:

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