



Eastern Municipal Water District
P.O. Box 8300
Perris, CA 92572-8300
951-928-3777 ext 3322

Turf Buy-Back Rebate Program

Application Package

Instructions

1. **PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN STARTED OR COMPLETED PRIOR TO RECEIVING A REBATE RESERVATION ARE NOT ELIGIBLE**
2. Read the application package carefully including program terms and conditions.
3. If you are unsure of local landscaping requirements, contact your city code enforcement officer and homeowners' association (when applicable).
3. The following items are required in order to request a rebate reservation:
 - Original completed, signed Application Part 1 (Rebate Reservation)
 - Copy of your recent water bill
 - 4-5 current color photos of each area where you plan to remove turf (please label with name, address, location and date picture was taken). *Photos will not be returned, please keep a copy for your records.*
4. You may be contacted by Eastern Municipal Water District (Eastern) to schedule a pre-conversion site visit.
5. If your application is approved, you will receive Part 2 of the application which includes your reservation number and the expiration date of your application.
6. Upon receipt of your rebate reservation number, you may begin your project. You will have until 60 days to complete the work.
7. The following items are required upon completion of the project:
 - Original completed signed Application Part 2 (Rebate Request)
 - 4-5 current color photos of each area where turf was removed and replaced with shrubs, ground cover, mulch, permeable paths, and permeable hardscape as applicable (please label with name, address, location, and date picture was taken) *Photos will not be returned, please keep a copy for your records.*
8. Rebates will only be processed after verification that the project has been completed. Verification may be performed by Eastern, its contractor or designated agent.
9. You may be contacted by Eastern to schedule a post-conversion site visit.

This is a two part application package to be completed in two stages (Part 1 – Rebate Reservation and Part 2 – Rebate Request). Each part will be submitted along with required documentation, by mail to the address listed below.

Part 1 - Rebate Reservation is required to be submitted prior to beginning any work on the project; failure to comply will result in automatic disqualification from the program.

Part 2 – Rebate Request is required to be submitted after project is completed, and within 45 days from the date the rebate reservation was authorized.

Mail to:
Eastern Municipal Water District
Conservation Department – Turf Removal Program
P.O. Box 8300
Perris, CA 92572-8300

For Questions please call the Conservation Department @ 951-928-3777 ext. 3322

FAX: (951) 928-6120 Email: conservation2@emwd.org

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Terms and Conditions

PRE-CONVERSION ELIGIBILITY

1. **Authorization to Proceed:** Before removing any turf, the following items must be submitted to Eastern Municipal Water District: (1) signed Application Part 1 (Rebate Reservation); and (2) copy of your recent water bill; and (3) 4-5 current color photos of each area of turf your plan to remove. Rebates through the Turf buy-Back Rebate Program are available for customers that are directly served by EMWD and have received an approved rebate reservation number. **Proceeding with a project prior to receiving authorization from Eastern will make the conversion ineligible for a rebate.**
2. **Customer Eligibility:** The property must receive water service directly from Eastern Municipal Water District. Only property owners may apply for the rebate.
3. **Qualifying Areas:** Areas to be converted must have live turf being irrigated with potable water at the time the rebate reservation number is provided. Conversion must comply with all applicable laws, codes, ordinances, policies, covenants, conditions, and restrictions. *Areas irrigated with recycled water are not eligible.*
4. **Minimum Project Size:** A minimum of 100 square feet of turf must be converted. Smaller projects with less than 100 square feet of turf may be accepted if they completely remove turf from a property.
5. **Maximum Project Size:** Each customer is eligible to convert a maximum of 10,000 square feet.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONVERTED AREA

1. **Plant Cover:** The retrofitted area must not include any live turf, synthetic or other turf looking grasses. Buffalo grass is considered a turfgrass and is not eligible for this program.
2. **Efficient Irrigation:** If a water system is used, it must be a drip irrigation system equipped with a pressure regulator, filter and emitters. The system must be free of leaks and malfunctions. Each drip emitter must be rated at less than 2 gallons per hour (gph). If part of a lawn is converted, the sprinkler system must be properly modified to provide adequate coverage to the remaining lawn without spraying the converted area.
3. **Surface Treatments:** All exposed soil must be covered with a minimum of a 2-3" layer of mulch permeable to air and water, except in areas planted with creeping or rooting groundcovers. Common mulching materials include rock, bark, pavers or un-grouted flagstone. If a weed barrier is used beneath the mulch, it must be manufactured to be permeable to air and water. **Impermeable surfaces are not covered by the rebate. Concrete, plastic sheeting or other impermeable surfaces do not qualify.**
4. **Invasive Plants:** Are not to be used. Plant species to avoid are identified on the "Don't Plant a Pest" brochure provided with the application package or online at <http://www.cal-ipc.org/landscaping/dpp/pdf/SoCalPrintable.pdf>

PROGRAM TERMS

1. **Quantity of Rebates:** Only one Turf Removal rebate per customer will be issued. (Please apply for the maximum area you plan to convert while the rebate reservation is valid).
2. **Project Timelines:** Rebate reservations are valid for 45 days. Projects must be completed and the rebate request (Part 2 of the application form) submitted to Eastern within the 45 day period. Projects are subject to inspection by Eastern, its contractor or approved agent to determine compliance. If conversion fails to meet program compliance, you will be granted an additional 10 days to attain compliance and notify Eastern. This agreement terminates 45 days after execution or upon incentive payment, whichever comes first. All applicant obligations, including properly executed covenant documents, must be fulfilled within the 45 days period or the rebate may be forfeited. This program ends April 30, 2012, so all projects must be completed and submitted to Eastern by April 30, 2012.
3. **Incentive Amounts and Limits:** Reservations are issued on a first come, first served basis. The incentive rebate is \$1.00 per square foot while funds are available. Checks will only be issued to the EMWD account holder.
4. **Requirements to Sustain Conversion:** Converted areas must remain in compliance with all program conditions for a minimum of five (5) years. If this requirement is violated, you may be required to refund all or a portion of the rebate. This requirement is void upon transfer of ownership.
5. **Other Responsibilities of the Applicant:** Eastern enforces only the conditions in this agreement. The applicant is responsible for complying with all laws, bylaws, ordinances, policies codes and covenants that may apply. Quality and appearance of the conversion is the responsibility of the applicant. Rebates may be considered taxable income. Eastern is not responsible for any taxes that may be imposed as a result of your receipt of any rebate.



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Application Part 1 – Participation Request *(Limited to one rebate per customer)*

Applicant Information *(please print)*

Property Owner:	Daytime Phone:	Email:		
Contact Person (if different)	Daytime Phone:	Email:		
Mailing Address:	City:	State:	Zip:	

Project Information

Property Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Family <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	Total Lot Size:	Total Irrigated Area:		
Property Address:	City:	State:	Zip:	
Water Agency: Eastern Municipal Water District Direct Customers ONLY	Water Service Account No. (include copy of recent water bill)			

(1) Identify area(s) where turf will be removed; (2) Total square footage for each area; (3) Provide 4-5 color photos of each area

<input type="checkbox"/> Front Yard	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Left Side Yard	_____
	<i>Square feet of turf to be removed</i>		<i>Square feet of turf to be removed</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Back Yard	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Right Side Yard	_____
	<i>Square feet of turf to be removed</i>		<i>Square feet of turf to be removed</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Parkway <small>(Permit may be required)</small>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Area	_____
	<i>Square feet of turf to be removed</i>		<i>Square feet of turf to be removed</i>

TOTAL SQ. FEET OF TURF TO BE REMOVED: _____
 If total is under 100 sq. feet, will all turf be removed on the site (excluding parkways)? Yes No (ineligible for rebate)

How are turf areas currently being irrigated? <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic sprinklers <input type="checkbox"/> Manual sprinklers <input type="checkbox"/> Hand water <input type="checkbox"/> Other
What type of irrigation controller do you use? <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic timer <input type="checkbox"/> Smart controller <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Other
How do you plan to complete the project? <input type="checkbox"/> Self <input type="checkbox"/> Contractor <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Briefly describe your plan for the converted area (plants to be used, irrigation changes, etc.)

Turf Buy-Back Rebate Program – Part 1 Rebate Reservation

Agreement and Disclaimer Form

Eastern Municipal Water District and participating water agencies make no representation or warranty to contracted services or products that may be installed in converted areas, including any hazardous substances that may be contained in the product. Removal of turf and installation of water efficient devices does not guarantee reduced water use. This application is for a rebate only.

By participating in the program, you waive and release Eastern Municipal Water District, participating water agencies, and their contractors and agents 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 Buy-Back Rebate program. Any claim you may have base 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.

Eastern Municipal Water District and participating water agencies only enforce the terms and conditions of the Turf Buy-Back Rebate Program. The applicant is responsible for complying with all applicable laws, codes, policies, ordinances, covenants, conditions, and restrictions that may apply. Quality and appearance of the converted area is the responsibility of the applicant.

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, ordinances, conditions and restrictions, as applicable. The applicant has read, understands and agrees to the terms and conditions of the program as outlined and certifies the information on the application is true and correct.

Property Owner Signature:	Print Name:	Date:
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Submit completed application (Part 1) with copy of recent water bill and labeled photos to:

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(Please allow 12 days to process your request)

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Application approved: Yes No Reservation #: _____ Expiration Date: _____
Date Part 2 sent to customer: Yes No
Denied: Yes No Explain: _____
Completed by: _____ Date: _____