

Turf and Rain Garden General Guidelines

- **Pre-applications are required for turf replacement and rain garden applications.**
 - Written approval is required prior to beginning turf and rain garden projects.
 - Once approved, the applicant has 6 months to complete the project and submit a final application. Incomplete projects do not qualify for a rebate.
 - Total incentives granted for a residential property shall be limited to \$2,500, and \$5,000 for a commercial, multifamily residential property or HOA.
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- Only drought tolerant, low water use, non-invasive and native plants may be planted in a rain garden or considered for turf replacement plant incentive.
 - If project requires irrigation, installation of an EPA WaterSense labeled Smart irrigation timer/controller (and use of weather-based features, including evapotranspiration data), backflow prevention device and drip or similar system is required.
 - Existing irrigation systems must be removed, capped or replaced by a drip system. Plants with differing water needs should be placed on different irrigation zones.
 - Spray irrigation systems, including pop up sprinklers are not allowed for rebate purposes.
 - Projects must meet City Codes and Standards.
 - Any weed barriers used must allow water to flow through them. Plastic may not be used. Organic options (i.e. mulch, burlap, corn-based, permeable weed barriers, non-coated cardboard) are encouraged. For *rain gardens*, landscape fabric and weed cloth may not be used.
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- For *turf replacement rebate*:
 - Grass must be alive and actively irrigated/maintained. Dead grass and bare soil do not qualify.
 - Pathways or patios using permeable materials (i.e. pavers or brick filled with sand, gravel or decomposed granite) qualify. A maximum of 25% of project area may be impermeable (water can't pass through).
 - For *rain gardens*:
 - A minimum of 400 sq ft of rainwater must be redirected from a roof. A minimum of 50 sq ft must be installed.
 - Catchments may be rock lined. Rebate is for basin footprint only.

Water Conservation Rebate Turf Removal/Rain Garden Pre-Application



Rebate Incentive Award Amounts

Rain Garden (Passive)	\$500.00 maximum award \$3.00 per sq ft of basin footprint
Turf Replacement	\$1.00 per sq ft \$1.25 per sq ft for drought tolerant, low water use plants

Turf Grass in the Prescott area needs 43-51 inches of water a year, with 28-36 inches of irrigation water in addition to rainfall. For a 500 sq ft lawn, that's 8,700-11,200 gallons of City water used! If irrigated, many lawns often receive twice the amount of water needed.

GET PAID TO REPLACE YOUR TURF GET PAID TO CREATE A RAIN GARDEN

Established, drought tolerant, low water use plants rarely need irrigation water.

Alternative ground covers, rain gardens, gravel gardens, mulch pathways and patio pavers are also WaterSmart™ choices.



Water Resources

433 N. Virginia St. | Prescott, AZ 86301 | 928-777-1130

watersmartrebates@prescott-az.gov

www.prescottwater.com



Refer to the City of Prescott
Water Conservation Rebate
Application or
prescottwater.com/rebates
for general rebate terms and
conditions.



Water Conservation Rebate Turf Replacement/Rain Garden Pre-Application



MAIL or HAND DELIVER your application to:

Water Resources, 433 N. Virginia St, Prescott, AZ 86301

OR EMAIL a digital copy to: watersmartrebates@prescott-az.gov

Name: _____ Name on Utility Account (if different): _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Account Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____ City Utility Bill Account Number (10 digits): _____

Is this pre-application for a Residential or Non-residential (Commercial) Account: _____ Residential _____ Non-residential

If Non-residential/Commercial, Business Type: _____

ALL PROJECTS

IN ADDITION TO THIS PRE-APPLICATION, PLEASE CONFIRM THE FOLLOWING:

- ☐ This project is to convert existing actively maintained and irrigated lawn/turf or landscaping to low water/no water use landscaping and/or a rain garden.
- ☐ I have confirmed that this project meets HOA requirements.
- ☐ I have included a site plan including measurements, locations of any existing plants and plants to be added.
- ☐ I have included 2-3 photos of area to be converted prior to beginning this new landscape project.
- ☐ I acknowledge and agree to the following plant policy: Plants used must need little or no supplemental water once established and must be from: 1) the City of Prescott Drought Tolerant/Low Water Use Plant List, 2) AZ Department of Water Resources Prescott Active Management Area Low Water Use, Drought Tolerant Plant List, and/or 3) low water use, non-invasive, plants native to Northern Arizona. Documentation of low water use and native classification may be requested for plants included that are not from the sources listed above. *Lists available at prescottwater.com.*

TURF REPLACEMENT

- Estimated area (sq ft) of lawn replacement/conversion: _____
- Describe how the turf is currently irrigated (i.e. system type, frequency, duration) and anticipated post project irrigation plans (i.e. disconnect; pressure-regulated drip system)
- Use the space on the back of this application (or provide separately as an attachment) to list the plants planned for your conversion area (if any). The back page may also be used to provide a site drawing.
 - Include approximate densities and location descriptions.

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RAIN GARDENS (PASSIVE RAINWATER HARVESTING)

Resources for design, including a [step-by-step manual](http://prescottwater.com/rainwater-harvesting), can be found at prescottwater.com/rainwater-harvesting.

- Is this project a DIY or landscape architect/contractor project? _____
If contractor, please list name and phone if known: _____
- Roof Drainage Area Dimensions (area draining to rain garden): _____ L x _____ W = _____ sq ft
- Rain Garden Project (Drainage) Area* (ft): _____ L x _____ W = _____ sq ft
*A rain garden greater than 30 feet from the downspout needs to include yard runoff area that drains into the garden in measurements.
Lawn Area (ft): _____ L x _____ W = _____ sq ft
Total Drainage Area (sq ft): Lawn Area _____ + Roof Drainage Area _____ = _____ sq ft
- Percolation Test Results (inches):
 - Hour 1 _____; Hour 2 _____; Hour 3 _____; Hour 4 _____; Hour 5 _____; Hour 6 _____
- Slope: _____% Rain Garden Depth: _____
- Basin Fill Material Plan: _____
- Use the space below to provide a written description of your proposed rain garden. Describe how you arrived at the location, size, depth, dimensions and materials used (including plants).
- Provide a list the plants planned for your project and where they will be located within the rain garden area. *This list may be included on the back page of this application or provided as a separate attachment*
- *NOTE: If the rain garden project is a large project that requires stormwater engineering, an HOA project or a non-residential project, we recommend contacting our Water Resources Department early in the process for guidance and determination if permitting will be required. Landscape architects and/or contractor plans may be submitted in lieu of hand-drawn plans.*

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Site Plan/Plant Lists

USE THIS SPACE TO PROVIDE A SITE PLAN, AND IF RELEVANT, PLANT LIST DETAILS.