



## Turf Replacement Rebate Program and Application

Offer available July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020 and subject to fund availability

City of Modesto water customers may be eligible for a rebate when they convert their existing grass area with any qualifying artificial turf products or drought tolerant landscape products. The rebate amount may not exceed \$1,250 per City of Modesto water account. Funding is limited and applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. The City reserves the right to terminate this program at any time and for

Outdoor landscaping is the single largest use of water in a typical California home. In most yards, grass consumes the most water, therefore reducing or eliminating how much grass you have can have a significant impact on your water use.

### **How to Apply:**

1. Obtain an application using one of the following methods:
  - a. Telephone: (209) 342-2246
  - b. Website: [www.modestogov.com/978/Water-Services](http://www.modestogov.com/978/Water-Services)
  - c. Email: [waterconservation@modestogov.com](mailto:waterconservation@modestogov.com)
2. Send the completed application, photos of the current landscape, list of proposed plants and a sketch of proposed conversion to;
  - a. Mail: City of Modesto  
Attention: Water Division – Rebate Program  
PO Box 642 Modesto, CA 95353
  - b. Fax: 209-577-4983
  - c. Email: [waterconservation@modestogov.com](mailto:waterconservation@modestogov.com)
3. A City of Modesto representative will contact you to schedule a brief appointment to verify your existing landscape. **DO NOT BEGIN YOUR CONVERSION UNTIL AFTER APPROVAL AT THE PRE-INSPECTION.**

### **Program Guidelines and Participation Section**

#### Who Qualifies?

- City of Modesto customers who pay a water utility bill to the City of Modesto.
- Customer accounts that are in good standing.
- Tenants who provide written approval from the property owner or property manager.
- Area to be converted must have grass or traditional sprinklers intact at the Pre-Inspection appointment in order to qualify for the rebate.

#### Timelines

- Program applies to turf replaced between 7/1/19 thru 6/30/20.
- A pre-inspection will be scheduled once the application has been received.
- After approval of pre-inspection, you will have 60 days to complete the conversion of your old landscaping, which will be indicated in the Notice to Proceed Letter.
- Once completed, contact the City of Modesto to schedule the post-inspection.

- Itemized dated sales receipts for the products used in the conversion are required at the post-inspection.
- If not approved at inspection, you have 30 days to make corrections and to schedule a final inspection.

#### Turf Replacement (qualifying for rebate)

- Turf replacement must be drought tolerant and permeable (allow water to penetrate into the ground).
- Applicant must provide a simple sketch of the proposed landscape, as well as photos of the existing landscape.
- When replacing turf, irrigation system must be converted to drip, capped or eliminated.
- Turf replacement must be maintained and kept in healthy condition for a minimum of 5 years.
- Turf replacement must be installed within the Modesto City service area and at the address listed on the application.
- Applicants must provide a list of proposed plants with the application.
- If only part of the lawn is converted, the new planting area must be irrigated on a separate valve from the remainder of the lawn.

#### Rebates

- Existing artificial turf, turf installation costs, new construction, accessories, and taxes do not qualify. Reimbursement is for products used in the conversion. Labor cost does not qualify.
- Rebate checks will be mailed within 8 weeks after completing the rebate process.
- Rebate amount cannot exceed the cost of the products used in the conversion. Dated, itemized receipts are required at the post-inspection.
- Rebates are limited to \$1,250 per utility billing account per fiscal year (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020).

#### Application and Rebate Approval or Denial

- On-site compliance verification is required.
- Original itemized, dated sales receipt for the products used in the conversion area is required at the post-inspection
- Incomplete, incorrect or unsigned applications cannot be processed. We will contact you with any discrepancies and may require you to submit a new application.
- Customer must fulfill all program guidelines to be eligible for rebates.

#### Other Considerations

- The Rebate Program is not responsible for materials lost by mail.
- Submission or possession of a rebate application does not guarantee receiving a rebate.
- Rebates are processed on a first come, first served basis.
- Funding for this rebate program is limited to available resources.
- Rebate amounts are subject to change without notification.
- This program shall at all times be subject to change or termination without prior notice.



Mail to: City of Modesto Water Conservation-Rebate Program  
 PO Box 642, Modesto CA 95353  
 Phone: (209) 342-2246 Fax: (209) 577-4983  
 Website: www.modestogov.com/978/Water-Services

Water Conservation Program

## \$1.25 per Sq Ft- Turf Replacement

(1,000 Sq Ft max)

**Account Information**  
 Please print clearly:

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note to Tenants:** Written approval from property owner/property manager must be included with your application.

Type of property:  Residential  Commercial

Have you previously applied for this rebate?  Yes  No

If yes, please indicate the date of the last rebate: \_\_\_\_\_

**Inspection Required**

**DO NOT BEGIN PROJECT UNTIL AFTER PRE-INSPECTION APPROVAL**

**Rebate Information**

Where did you learn about the rebate? \_\_\_\_\_

- The rebate value cannot exceed the actual cost of the products used in the conversion.
- An original itemized dated sales receipt is required at the post-inspection.
- Limit of \$1,250 rebate per account per fiscal year (July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020)
- Compliance with attached guideline is required.

**Agreement of Terms and Conditions**

The City of Modesto may deny any application that does not meet program requirements. The undersigned expressly agrees that the City may inspect all items submitted for the Turf Replacement Rebate Program. The City does not guarantee the performance of any turf replacement; does not warrant any turf replacement or installation to be free of defects, the quality of the workmanship, or the suitability of the premises or the turf replacement installation. The undersigned further agrees to hold harmless the City of Modesto against all loss, damage, expense and liability resulting from the loss, destruction or damage to property arising out of or in any way connected with the turf replacement. The City reserves the right to alter this program at any time. Funding for this rebate program is limited to available resources. Rebates are processed on a first come, first served basis. For questions, please call (209) 342-2246.

I have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions of this rebate program

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For Official Use Only:			
Final Inspection Date: _____	Tracking #: _____	Inspector: _____	Approved: __ Denied: __
Reason for denial: _____	Approved By: _____		
Rebate Check sent: Date: _____	By: _____	Total Rebate Amount: \$_____	