



**LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICTS (LACWD)
CASH FOR GRASS
REBATE APPLICATION FORM**

Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts (LACWD), in partnership with The State of California Department of Water Resources and Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency (AVEK), is offering property owners a cash rebate of \$2 per square foot to remove grass and replace it with water-efficient landscaping.

PROGRAM TERMS AND ELIGIBILITY

1. Program funding is limited. Applications will be processed on a first-come first serve basis while funding is available.
2. Customers of LACWD are eligible for this rebate.
3. Pre-approval must be obtained prior to removing grass and beginning the landscape conversion project. Projects that have been started or already completed prior to pre-approval are NOT eligible.
4. Grass areas to be converted should be living and maintained.
5. A minimum of 500 square feet up to a maximum of 5,000 square feet of grass should be converted.
6. The converted area should be permeable to air and water. Eligible water efficient landscape includes: native or drought-tolerant plants, mulch, rock, un-grouted stepping stones, artificial turf, and permeable hardscape.
7. Converted area requires a minimum of 25% water-efficient plant coverage at plant maturity.
8. Spray irrigation is not permitted in the converted area.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read, complete, and sign the application form.
2. Obtain 1-2 colored photos of each area to be converted.
3. Prepare a sketch of the existing landscape. Include measurements (in feet).
4. Prepare a sketch of the proposed design.
5. Mail the original completed application form, pictures, and sketches to:
**Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts
Attn: Water Conservation Manager
PO Box 1475
Alhambra, CA 91802-1475**
6. Receive a pre-approval letter from LACWD. Upon pre-approval, you will have 6 months to complete your project.
7. Once your project is completed, mail the following: photos of the new landscape, date of completion, and list of plants. Contact LACWD at (626)300-4695 to schedule your post-conversion inspection.

Account Information

Property Owner _____ Account Number _____
 Service Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____
 Mailing Address (if different from above) _____
 Phone Number () _____ Email Address _____
 How did you hear about the program? Mailer Newspaper Radio Website Other _____

Site Information

Total sq.ft. of grass to be removed _____ Front Yard _____ Back Yard _____ Side Yard _____
 Type of irrigation to be installed _____ Sq.ft. of plant coverage _____
 Date photo taken (attached) _____ Expected date of completion _____

Signature

I have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions of the program as stated above and on page 2. I certify that the information on the application is true and correct.

Property Owner Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Sq. ft. removed _____ Sq. ft. of plant coverage _____ POST-INSPECTION DATE _____
 Date photo taken (attached) _____ Converted to low volume irrigation Yes No
 Inspection Signature _____

LACWD CASH FOR GRASS REBATE PROGRAM TERMS AND CONDITIONS

LANDSCAPING AND IRRIGATION SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Converted area requires a minimum of 25 percent living plant coverage at plant maturity. Remaining lawn areas are not included. Plant lists are available at www.lacwaterworks.org. Plants and lawn outside the converted area are not considered in the rebate calculation even if they are adjacent to or overhanging into the area. A minimum cover of two (2) inch layer of permeable mulch is recommended for converted areas. Mulches may include bark, rock, un-grouted stepping stones, and permeable hardscape. Existing spray irrigation system is not permitted in the landscape conversion area and must be capped off or removed if not converted to drip irrigation. The drip irrigation must be a low-volume drip system equipped with a filter and emitters providing irrigation to new plantings. Each drip emitter must be rated at less than 20 gallons per hour (gph). Bubbler irrigation is also acceptable if it is as efficient as the required drip irrigation system. If part of a lawn is converted, the sprinkler system must be properly modified to water the remaining lawn without spraying the converted area.

REBATE TERMS AND REBATE AMOUNT

The terms of this agreement expire in six calendar months from the date the application is approved. The final inspection is not counted against the six-month time limit once Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts (LACWD) has been notified that your project is complete. Only one rebate payment may be received under this agreement. LACWD reserves the right to reject or limit the number of applications being processed. Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis and only while funding is available or until the program is discontinued. The Cash for Grass **rebate is \$2.00 per square foot** for approved landscape conversions. Rebate checks are issued within 60 days after the post-inspection to the owner name on the account. LACWD, at its discretion, may at any time, modify, suspend, or terminate this program without prior notice.

INSPECTIONS

Pre-conversion: Your application must be pre-approved before removing any lawn and beginning a conversion. **Photos of the existing landscaping pre-conversion must be submitted with this application.** A pre-inspection of existing landscape may be required. You, or an authorized person over the age of 18, must be present during the pre-conversion inspection. **Post-conversion:** Once the landscape project is completed, submit photos of the new landscape, date of completion, and list of plants by mail or email. Contact LACWD at (626)300-4695 to schedule your post-inspection. You, or an authorized person over the age of 18, may be required to be on premise during the post-inspection. Post inspection may require all of the following: photos of the converted landscape, area measurement of converted landscape, irrigation system inspection, plant eligibility review for program compliance and rebate eligibility verification. If the converted landscape or irrigation system fails inspection, you will be notified, provided an explanation, and allowed 60 (sixty) days or the remainder of the six-month period, whichever is greater, to fully comply with the program conditions.

PHOTOS SUBMITTED

You acknowledge that all photos submitted by you during the pre- and post-conversion inspections may be used by LACWD to promote or educate the public about the "Cash for Grass" Program, and that by submitting the photos to the "Cash for Grass" program, you are granting LACWD an irrevocable license in perpetuity to use such photos for those purposes.

CONVERSION SUSTAINABILITY REQUIREMENTS

The converted area must remain in compliance with all program conditions for a period of two (2) years. If the landscaping is altered during this two (2) year period or water use exceeds the average water use on the account prior to conversion, owner may be required to refund some or the entire rebate. **LACWD may establish an annual water-use budget for customers who participate in the Cash for Grass Program consistent with the water-use requirements of the landscaping installed. Customers whose water use exceeds the budget established by LACWD may be assessed a higher unit cost for the water use in excess of their budget on their regular water bill.** Landscape and plant maintenance, plant quality and appearance before, during, and after the conversion are the sole responsibility of the applicant. This requirement is void upon property transfer of ownership.

OTHER APPLICANT RESPONSIBILITIES

LACWD will enforce only the conditions of this agreement. The applicant is responsible for complying with all laws, policies, codes and covenants that may apply. Applicants are encouraged to consult any applicable covenants, conditions and restrictions ("CCR&Rs") or neighborhood Homeowner Associations (HOA) regulations that may apply to an anticipated conversion project prior to submitting an application with LACWD. Program rebates for more than \$600 may be considered taxable income requiring IRS Form 1099 to be issued as required by law.

Disclaimer—LACWD reserves the right to reject any application that does not meet all of the requirements of the "Cash for Grass" Program. LACWD makes no representations or warranties as to the condition, quality, effectiveness, operability or cost of installing or maintaining residential, multi-family, commercial, industrial, or institutional landscapes subject to this program, or of removing or disposing of any landscape or irrigation equipment debris in connection therewith and, to the extent not prohibited by law, disclaims all express and implied conditions, representations and warranties related thereto, including without limitation, any implied warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose. Limitation of Liability/Release – Applicant understands and agrees that, to the extent not prohibited by law, in no event shall LACWD, its officials, officers, employees or agents be liable for any claimed or actual damages or losses of any kind, however caused and regardless of the theory of liability, related in any way to this landscape "Cash for Grass" rebate incentive program, even if LACWD has been advised of the possibility of such damages or losses. To the extent not prohibited by law, applicant assumes all risks associated with this program, including without limitation, all risks associated with purchase, installation and maintenance of landscape material and irrigation system equipment subject to this program (including without limitation the risk of not realizing cost savings as a result of converting to low water use landscape), and the removal and disposal of any landscape materials, irrigation system equipment, and landscape maintenance debris in connection therewith. Applicant releases LACWD its officials, officers, employees and agents from any and all claims for damage or death or injury to any persons or property arising in any way from this "Cash for Grass" landscape rebate incentive program, any landscape material disposal, irrigation system equipment, or landscape maintenance and equipment subject to this program (including without limitation the use or operation thereof), or the removal or disposal of any landscape materials and irrigation system equipment in connection therewith, other than those caused solely by the willful or grossly negligent acts or omission of LACWD.