



# TURF CONVERSION REBATE

**PURPOSE:** To convert water-thirsty lawns to sustainable and functional landscapes that include water-conserving plants, permeable surfaces, and efficient irrigation systems appropriate to Atascadero's summer-dry climate and during drought.

**REBATE:** Upon completion of a qualifying turf conversion, customers will receive \$1.00 per square foot of turf removed, up to \$500 for Single-family within one month of completion. Rebates of \$100 or less will be applied to the Shareholder's water account.

**EXPIRATION:** This application expires 180 days from the date of the pre-conversion inspection, or when funds run out, whichever is earlier.

## STEP 1: CHECK BOXES TO CONFIRM ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant must have a current, active account with AMWC in good standing.
- Existing lawns must be in good condition and irrigated by an existing overhead irrigation system.
- Sites must be pre-approved by AMWC Conservation Staff before any work is started to be eligible for a rebate.
- All rebates are subject to both pre- and post-inspections.

## STEP 2: REVIEW REQUIREMENTS FOR LAWN CONVERSION REBATES

### PLANTS

- Self-sufficient landscape – requires no supplemental water during the rainy season once established.
- Plants must cover 50% of the converted area once fully grown. Including a tree is recommended.
- All plants must be low-water-use, climate appropriate or California native, requiring little or no water once established. Select plants and check plant water use at:
  - SLO Water Wise Landscaping for SLO County, [slowaterwiselandscaping.com](http://slowaterwiselandscaping.com) or
  - Water Use Classification of Landscape Species, [cuuh.ucdavis.edu/wucols-db](http://cuuh.ucdavis.edu/wucols-db)
  - Calscape, California's Native Plant Gardening Destination, [www.calscape.org](http://www.calscape.org)
- All edible plants are accepted.
- No artificial turf, putting greens, invasive plants, or low-water lawns.

### MATERIALS

- Planted areas and exposed soil must be covered with 3 inches of mulch.
- Permeable inorganic mulch (rocks, gravel, etc.) no greater than 20% coverage of the rebated area.
- Permeable hardscape (pavers, bricks, flagstone or similar) set in sand, gravel, or decomposed granite, and permeable decking.
- Allowable permeable design elements include seating areas, fire pits, play structures, horseshoe pits, bocce ball courts, and raised vegetable beds.
- Areas converted to vehicle or recreational equipment storage, kennels, concrete patios, or unplanted mulch areas will not qualify.
- Only biodegradable weed barriers (e.g. cardboard or paper) may be used. Non-biodegradable weed barriers (e.g., landscape fabric, weed cloth, or plastic) are not allowed.

### IRRIGATION

- Sprinkler systems must be removed, capped, or replaced with a drip system.
- Any drip emitter with a flow rate of 1 gallon per hour or less.
- No bubblers, multi-outlet drippers, and micro sprays allowed.



# TURF CONVERSION REBATE APPLICATION

Submit completed application to:

AMWC Turf Conversion Rebate, 5005 El Camino Real, Atascadero, CA 93422

## STEP 3: ACCOUNT INFORMATION

Property Owners Name\* \_\_\_\_\_ Account # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Service Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### Tax notice

Rebates may be subject to State and local taxes; applicants should check with their tax advisor. Retain a copy of this application and the sales receipts for your records.

### Agreement

Only one rebate is paid per owner per property. Shareholders are advised that "before" and "after" photos of the landscape may be used for AMWC marketing and outreach.

*I have read, understand, and agree to the terms of the Rebate Program on this form. I certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided is true and correct.*

Property Owner's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*Application must be completed and submitted by Shareholder. Rebates will only be paid to Shareholder on the account.

**For questions contact AMWC at 464-5347.**

## STEP 4: PLANT LIST

Plant Name	Quantity



# TURF CONVERSION REBATE PROGRAM

## STEP 5: LAWN CONVERSION DESIGN PLAN

Provide a landscape plan of your proposed project. Include all features i.e., trees, plant groupings, dry creek beds, seating areas, etc., and materials (if you have plans, attach a copy to the application). Include measurements to explain the total area to be converted.

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TURF CONVERSION		No. of Stations	Total Area	% of landscape		
Pre-inspection				Plant Material	Organic Mulch	Inorganic Mulch
Post -inspection						
Inspection	App Rcv'd	Pre	Post	Lot #	WO#	Rebate Amount
Date						
Initial						

