

WHAT OTHER DISTRICTS ARE DOING TO PROMOTE YARD CONSERVATION:

SAN FRANCISCO:

- This program is not offered

MID-PENINSULA WATER DISTRICT:

- They are looking into this, but are only looking into considering this type of rebate. Nothing has been done

HAYWARD AND ALAMEDA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT:

- This program is not offered

EASTBAY MUD:

- This program is not offered

MARIN COUNTY:

- This program is not offered in Marin

SANTA CLARA:

<http://www.valleywater.org/Programs/LandscapeReplacementRebates.aspx>

Landscape Replacement Rebates:

- Santa Clara County single family homes, multi-family and business properties with 5,000 sq ft or more of irrigated landscape can receive rebates for replacing high water using plants such as irrigated turf grass, with low water using plants from an approved list.
- Rebates are available for residents or businesses located within the Santa Clara County service area.
- Applicants must attain pre-approval by submitting rebate application request form provided during pre-inspection survey.
- Areas to be converted must have high water using landscape at the time of pre-inspection. Project that have been started, landscape that has been allowed to die, or project that have already been completed are not eligible.
- Participants must currently own the property to be retrofitted.
- Projects must be completed within 90 days of receiving application material.
- Only mater/plants approved by Santa Clara Valley Water District will qualify for a rebate.
- Labor, installation, construction costs, delivery charges, and hauling are not covered by this rebate.
- Any manufacturer's rebates or other rebates must be subtracted before figuring eligible project costs.
- New construction does not qualify for the program as it is aimed at encouraging retrofitting of existing facilities.

Landscape Replacement Rebate Requirements:

- All exposed soil must be covered with a minimum 2" layer of mulch. A layer of impervious plastic that underlies the mulch is not permitted.
- Concrete, plastic sheeting or other impermeable surfaces do not qualify.
- There can be no net increase in the size of the irrigated area.
- The re-landscaped area must be landscaped with one or more of the following qualifying replacement products: low water using plants (see approved list), mulch (bark, gravel, rock), and/or permeable hardscape.
- Non-qualifying replacement products include, but are not limited to: artificial turf, vegetable gardens, lawn ornaments, impervious surfaces, hot tubs, building extensions, retaining walls, high water-using plants, sheds, pools, trellises, play ground materials and fences.
- If an irrigation system is used, it must be one of the following: drip, soaker, bubbler, micro-spray, or underground irrigation system. Overhead spray is not allowed.
- The irrigation system must be designed so lawn and shrubs are watered separately from each other (served through a separate valve that can be controlled independently)
- To qualify, applicants must remove a minimum of 100 sq ft of high water using landscape.

NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT:

http://www.nmwd.com/conservation_exterior.php

NMWD is offering residential customers cash in return for reducing the amount of lawn area in their landscapes and replacing with California native, low water use plant landscapes.

NMWD will pay you \$100 per 100 square feet of lawn area removed. The cash rebate is limited to \$1,000 for single family dwellings, \$200 for townhouses or condominiums, and \$100 for apartments. NMWD will also rebate Cash for Grass participants 25 percent of the cost of NMWD approved mulch up to \$100.

NMWD is also offering residential customers cash in return for reducing the amount of lawn area in their landscapes by replacing it with synthetic turf. The District will pay you \$100 per 100 square feet of lawn area you remove. The cash rebate is limited to \$1,000 for single family dwellings, \$200 for townhouses or condominiums, and \$100 for apartments.

To be eligible for these rebates, the customer must:

- Agree to brief pre- and post-installation inspections.
- Replace the regularly mowed and automatically irrigated lawn with California native low water use plant material or District approved synthetic.
- Mulch new landscape to a depth of *at least* 4 inches (synthetic turf projects do not apply).
- Agree not to re-install irrigated turf in the project area.

You are ineligible for the program if:

- The lawn area is replaced with a pool, building extensions, patio, deck or other hardscape feature.
- The dwelling is a commercial building or is owned by a commercial or government entity. (Commercial Cash for Grass rebates are approved on a case-by-case basis. Call 897-4133 ext. 8711 for details.)
- The replacement project is irrigated with the same sprinklers used to water the previous lawn area.
- You do not own the property where turf will be replaced.

How can I participate?

- Call NMWD's Water Conservation Office at (415) 897-4133 ext. 8711 and schedule a brief pre-inspection. Rebates are issued only for projects which have been approved in advance.
- After the pre-inspection has been completed and replacement project has been pre-approved, replace your lawn.
- When your replacement project is completed, schedule a post-installation inspection.
- Mail the completed application to NMWD, along with original receipts for plant materials, mulch and irrigation equipment. Be sure to make copies for your own files. If you hire a landscape contractor, ask that materials and labor be billed separately.
- The rebate will be mailed within 4-6 weeks after the application (with applicable original receipts) is received and the post-installation inspection has been completed.