



Solvang Turf Replacement Rebate Program

Starts: July 1, 2017, End Date: When funds are exhausted

- I. Goals of Solvang Turf Replacement Rebate Program:
 - a. Provide incentive to modify landscape to more efficiently and conservatively use water.
 - b. Educate the residents on how to conserve water.
 - c. Help save customers' money on their water bill.
 - d. Helps conserve water for the City of Solvang and the State of California.
 - e. Benefit endangered species such as the Southern Steelhead Trout, Tidewater Goby, and the Red Legged Frog.
- II. Eligibility:
 - a. Any non-agricultural, single family residential customer qualifies
 - b. Must be a water customer of the city of Solvang for the past 12 months.
 - c. Must be landscape that is not already conserving water in an efficient way.
- III. Details of Solvang Landscape Rebate Program:
 - a. No general labor will be rebated.
 - b. Does not include agricultural land.
 - c. Rebates are awarded for 50% of the cost of approved equipment and materials up to \$1,500 for single family residential properties.
 - d. There needs to be a pre and post installation inspection.
 - e. Landscape Irrigation Methods:
 - i. High efficiency irrigation (smart controllers, rotating nozzles, drip irrigation, etc.).
 - ii. Removal of turf areas (cash for grass).
 - iii. Dedicated landscape meters, in place of mixed master meters.
 - iv. Mulch or other groundcover.
 - f. Approximately 50% of converted landscape must be covered by drought tolerant plants.
 - g. *Keep and attach all original receipts for purchased materials to application form and include a list of installed plants as well as estimated square foot of lawn conversion.
- IV. Follow These Steps:
 - a. Check out the information regarding Water Wise Landscape Rebate Program.
 - b. Fill out application for Water Wise Landscape Rebate Program
 - c. Determine if your property is eligible to undergo the landscape changes to meet the requirements of the city's rebate program (**see II. Eligibility**). Call the City of Solvang for a **pre installation** inspection and schedule a day in which the city can send someone over. (**Kristin Rubin, kristinr@cityofsolvang.com or 688-5575**).
 - d. Design either on your own or with a landscape designer how and what changes you want to make with the preapproved equipment and materials. At least 50% of converted landscape must be covered in drought tolerant plants (see III. Details of Solvang Landscape Rebate program).
 - e. Purchase preapproved equipment and materials and make sure to keep receipt(s) (**see III. h.**).
 - f. Make changes to make your landscape so that it can be better at conserving water.
 - g. Turn in detailed receipts with address or water account # identified on envelope or receipts and a copy of most recent water bill.
 - h. Arrange for post installation inspection. (**Kristin Rubin, kristinr@cityofsolvang.com or 688-5575**).
 - i. If your property passes receive rebate check in the mail.

Solvang Landscape Rebate Program-Application Form

Mail Application to: City of Solvang, Solvang Landscape Rebate Program, 1644 Oak Street, Solvang, CA 93463

Name (Last Name, First Name): _____

Account Number (taken from the water bill): _____

Property Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Primary Phone #: (_____) _____ - _____ Alt. Phone #: (_____) _____ - _____

Email: _____

Checks payable to (water customer of record name): _____

Rebate Agreement – Release of Liability

Rebate check will be made payable to the water customer of record, unless otherwise stated. The City may deny any application that does not meet all the requirements, which can be obtained by meeting the eligibility, following the details and steps. The City reserves the right to alter this program at any time. The undersigned agrees to allow the City to inspect all landscape being renovated for the Solvang Rebate Program. The City is not responsible for the quality of the materials purchased or landscape design. The City does not warrant or guarantee lower water as a result of the landscape changes. The undersigned agrees to hold harmless the City of Solvang, its Council Members, officers, employees, and agents from and against all loss, damage, expense and liability resulting from or otherwise relating to the purchase of equipment and materials, removal of preexisting grass or other plants that are not drought tolerant, the planting of drought tolerant plants, and the installation of high efficiency irrigation. By accepting this rebate, the Applicant shall release to the City of Solvang, its agents, and its employees all rights to exhibit those media in print and electronic form publically and privately for any purpose in the normal course of business. The Applicant waives any rights, claims, or interested to control the likeness or identification used in whatever media used. Limited to a first come first serve basis. By signing this form I agree that I have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions of this rebate program, including the eligibility, details, and steps required to complete the rebate.

Print Name: _____ Customer Signature: _____

Date: _____ ***Please attach all receipts on this application form.**

END OF APPLICANT FORM

INSPECTOR PORTION

- Took photos and confirmed vegetation and landscape was not drought tolerant.
- Took photos and confirmed irrigation was at a low efficiency level.

Date of Pre-Qualification Inspection: _____ Inspector: _____

- Took photos and confirmed vegetation and landscape was converted to a drought tolerant environment
- Took photos and confirmed irrigation was upgraded to a high efficiency level.

Date of Post Inspection: _____ Inspector: _____