

Turf Conversion Rebate

Get Rid of Grass

Turf removal is the most efficient and cost-effective way to quickly reduce water demand and extend our precious groundwater. This also helps eliminate nuisance water, overspray and run-off extending the life of adjacent hardscape.

Residential Turf Conversions: Approved residential conversions receive \$2 per square foot (SF) of grass removed, without planting a tree, up to a maximum of 10,000 SF. Approved residential conversions that plant one new native tree for every 250 SF of turf removed will receive \$3 per SF, up to a maximum of 10,000 SF.

Commercial Turf Conversions: Approved commercial conversions receive \$2 per SF of grass removed, up to a maximum of 30,000 SF.

Turf conversions larger than 2,500 SF are subject to additional landscape requirements and review by IWA and the City of Indio Community Development Department. Artificial turf is not a reimbursable expense for all projects.

Irrigation Upgrade Rebate

Boost Your Irrigation Efficiency

Customers with above-ground upgrades (smart nozzles, drip irrigation, pressure compensating bubblers, smart irrigation controller, pressure regulator etc.) can get up to \$750 for residents or \$1,500 for commercial accounts. Itemized receipts are required at completion of project to determine eligible rebate amount. Please note that labor cost is ineligible for rebate. IWA does not provide a specific list of eligible brands or products.

Turf Conversion Requirements

Plant Coverage: Submit a landscape plan for all areas to be converted, include a minimum of 20% desert friendly plant coverage at plant maturity. The landscape plan/sketch will include: approximate square footage; plant list and quantities; plant locations; trees and shrubs on a separate zone; groundcover; and valve locations.

Efficient Irrigation: Planting beds must utilize a drip irrigation system equipped with a pressure regulator and filter. Drip irrigation systems may incorporate subsurface/in-line drip tubing and non-adjustable, pressure compensating bubblers and emitters. Hand watering, adjustable bubblers and adjustable emitters are not allowed.

Surface Treatments: The modified area must be covered with a 2-3" layer of ground cover permeable to air and water. Common materials include rock, bark, ungrouted flagstone or pavers manufactured to be permeable. Artificial turf, concrete, and/or other impermeable treatments do not qualify. If a weed barrier is used, it must be manufactured to be permeable to air and water.

Requirement to Sustain the Upgrade: Areas converted through the rebate program cannot be replaced with turf in the future without prior written approval from Indio Water Authority. You may be required to refund some or the entire rebate if this requirement is violated.

Document Checklist:

TURF REMOVAL

- Application
- IRS Form W-9
- Landscape Plan
- Full Plant List & Quantity
- HOA Approval Letter (if applicable)
- MWELO Compliance Acknowledgment
(required for projects over 2,500 sq ft)

IRRIGATION UPGRADE

- Application
- IRS Form W-9
- Irrigation Plan/Sketch
- Itemized Receipts

Terms and Conditions

Eligibility: Properties must use water from Indio Water Authority (IWA) and the account(s) must be in good standing. The project area must have existing turf to be removed. Plants and other required elements installed outside of the project area will not count towards the program requirements. The plant and tree guide is posted online at indiowater.org. Artificial turf is not a reimbursable expense.

Pre-Inspection: To be eligible for the turf removal rebate program, applicants must NOT remove their existing turf until IWA completes a pre-inspection and you receive a "Letter to Proceed". Projects started prior to receiving a pre-inspection and a "Letter to Proceed" will become ineligible for a rebate.

Final Inspection: Applicant must notify IWA after project completion, to schedule an inspection and verify program compliance. If the upgrade reveals any serious irrigation inefficiencies, you will be allowed 30 days to fully comply with the program conditions or forfeit your rebate. Projects not completed within 3 months of approval may become ineligible for rebate.

Other Applicant Responsibilities: Quality of work and appearance of the converted area are the responsibility of the participant.

IRS Form W-9C: Complete and sign an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form W-9. Rebates may be considered as taxable income. IWA will issue a rebate check after all program conditions are met.

STEPS

- Email, drop-off or mail the application with documentation (checklist on other side) to IWA
- DO NOT REMOVE TURF BEFORE IWA APPROVAL (allow up to 30 days for review). Projects started prior to pre-inspection clearance from IWA are ineligible for rebates.
- Complete project within 90 days of receiving IWA approval (pre-inspection clearance)
- Call (442) 400-5205 to schedule a post-conversion inspection (irrigation upgrade receipts required)
- You can expect your check in 6-8 weeks of receiving your post-inspection clearance letter

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS REBATE?

- Word of mouth Social media Advertising
 E-blast Website Other

APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

IWA account number:

Name on the account:

Account representative:

Property address:

Property type (mark one):

- Residential Commercial
 Homeowners Association (HOA)

Zip code:

Send the rebate check by mail to (if different from above):

Customer's email address:

Telephone number:

Rebates (mark all that apply):

- Irrigation Upgrade Turf Conversion Approximate total square feet of natural turf to be eliminated _____
Approximate square footage of artificial turf to be installed (not reimbursable) _____ Total number of new trees planted _____

Please read the following before signing. If you do not fully understand each of the statements, please call Indio Water Authority at (442) 400-5205.

I am the rightful owner or owner's agent for the property listed above. I agree to abide by the requirements of this program. The information herein is accurate to the best of my knowledge and intended to meet program requirements. I understand I am required to remain in compliance with all program requirements, even after receiving my rebate check.

Signature

Date

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO INDIO WATER AUTHORITY IN PERSON, BY MAIL OR VIA EMAIL.

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