

GET UP TO \$750*

FOR REMOVING THIRSTY LAWN!

**WATER-EFFICIENT LAWN
CONVERSION REBATE**

Program Application



THE CONSERVATION



APPLICATION FORM

NAME ON ACCOUNT: Last: _____ First: _____

DATE: (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

Applicant is: Property Owner Tenant

Property is part of an HOA: Yes No If yes, list HOA name: _____

Property is a business: Yes No If yes, list Business name: _____

DAY PHONE: _____ **CELL PHONE:** _____

(check which number and when is best time to reach you between 8am-3pm M-F)

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS:

Street: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

INSTALLATION ADDRESS: (if different)

Street: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

I PAY MY WATER BILL TO: (check one) City of Livermore
 City of Pleasanton Dublin San Ramon Services District

CUSTOMER ACCOUNT NUMBER: (required) _____

BY SUBMITTING THIS APPLICATION, YOU AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:

I, the undersigned, understand that this is a limited, first-come/first-served, one-time program, that rebates are given only for projects for which applications are approved in advance of installation, and that ZONE 7 is entitled to deny any application that does not meet program requirements. I have voluntarily determined to participate in ZONE 7's Water Efficient Landscape Rebate Program. I have independently selected materials, supplies and labor for the purpose of performing the installation. I agree that all work performed will comply with applicable state and local laws, ordinances and regulations. I agree that ZONE 7 may visit the premises and verify existing conditions and that the work has been performed. By virtue of these inspections, I understand that ZONE 7 makes no determination with respect to whether materials and equipment are free of defects, the quality of the workmanship, or the suitability of the premises, materials or equipment for the installation. I also understand that the installation of irrigation equipment and landscape materials may not result in lower water bills. If this Application is approved by ZONE 7 and the work proceeds, I agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless ZONE 7, its directors, officers, agents and employees against any and all loss, liability, expense, claims, suits and damages, including attorneys' fees, arising out of or resulting from the installation of irrigation equipment and landscape materials. I authorize my water retailer to make water consumption data available to Zone 7 for the purpose of measuring the success of these programs in conserving water. I agree to a pre- and/or post-installation inspection, upon request.

I have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions of this rebate program.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____ **DATE:** _____

Zone 7 works in partnership with these retail water agencies:
City of Pleasanton, City of Livermore, Dublin San Ramon Services District

For Office Use Only: Approved ___ Denied ___ Number of Units _____ Rebate Amt. _____ Print Name _____ Livermore, CA 94551

***Up to \$750 for a single-family residences. Up to \$4,500 for multi-family and non-residential properties.**

PROJECT INFORMATION:

Total square feet of lawn to be converted:
(must be at least 200 sq. ft. and be visible from sidewalk)
length x width _____

Eliminating overhead sprinkler heads is a project requirement. Will your project:

- Cap off sprinkler heads
How many heads? _____
- Convert sprinkler heads to drip lines
How many heads? _____

Is the applicant the property owner?
 yes no

Projects that use the "sheet mulching" technique to remove old lawn can find more information at:

Sheet Mulching at www.StopWaste.org.

REBATE INFORMATION:

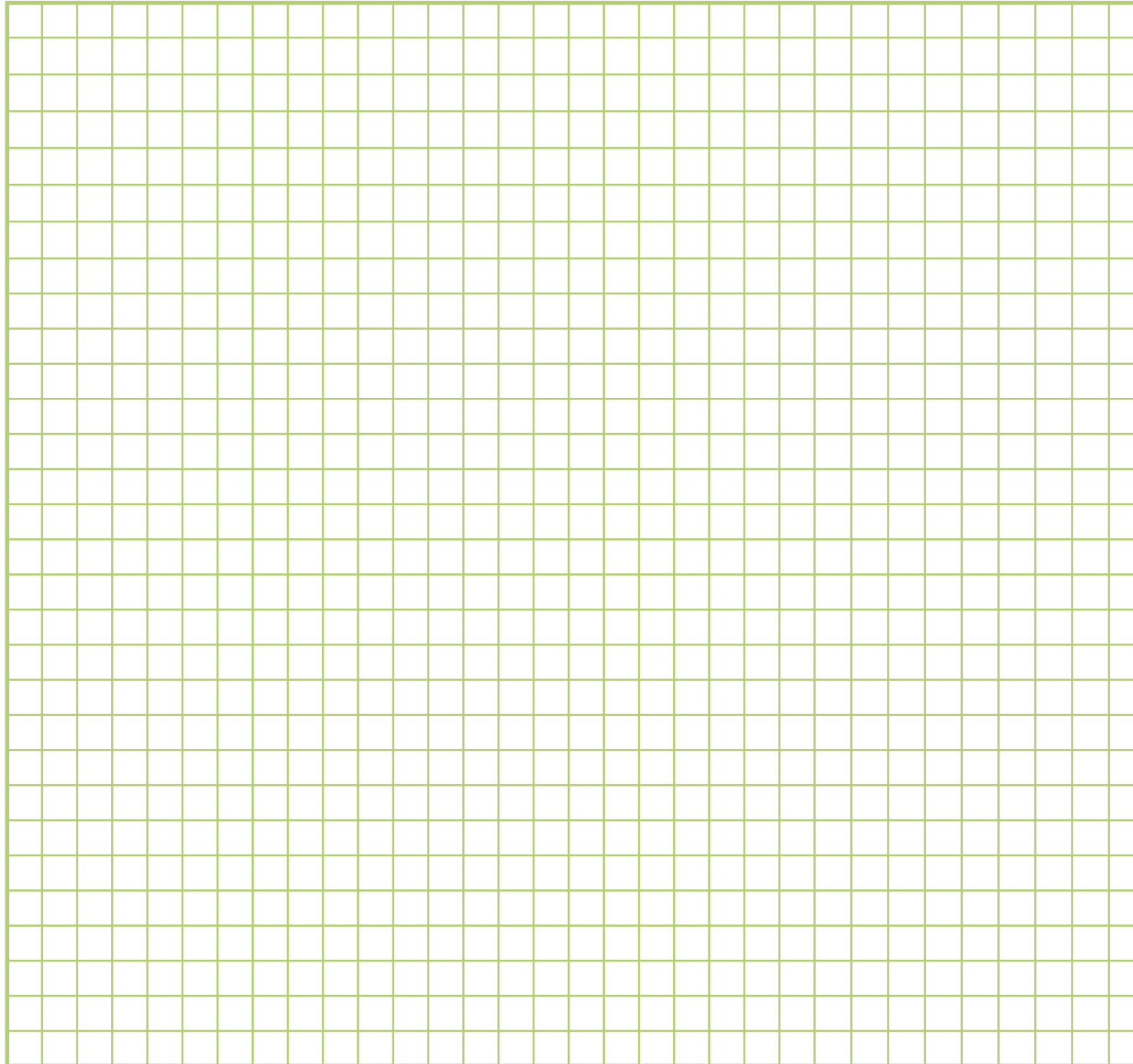
Rebate does not include sales tax or installation costs.

Only plants from the Zone 7 Qualifying Plant List and Tri-Valley Water-wise website will be rebated. Located on Zone 7's website www.zone7water.com under Conservation & Rebates.

For specific program details, including Project Eligibility, "Terms and Conditions", Project Exclusions, Application Steps, and Next Steps, see Water-Efficient Lawn Conversion Rebate Program brochure and available at Zone 7 Water Agency or your local water retailer, or online at www.zone7water.com under Conservation & Rebates.

PROJECT GRID

On the grid below, draw your proposed project plan from an aerial view. Include measurements, plant placement, permeable hardscape areas, mulched areas and any proposed drip irrigation. (Include plant number from the qualifying list)



TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

The following Terms and Conditions apply to the Water-Efficient Lawn Conversion Rebate Program. Please read the “Terms and Conditions” carefully prior to submitting your application. See brochure or website for additional Eligibility requirements and exclusions. Program terms and conditions may change. This rebate is prorated 40/60 split. Customers will receive 40% of the rebate upon removal of turf or sheet-mulched in place. Customers will not be permitted to plant until after the Fall and authorized by Zone 7 staff. Receipts for plants must be dated after the authorization is given. Once planting and final inspection is completed the remaining 60% of the rebate will be issued.

1. CONVERTED LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENTS:

- a. Customers must either sheet mulch or remove a minimum of 200 square feet of frontyard turf. The converted area must be covered with a minimum of three inches of mulch.
- b. Permeable hardscapes are allowed in this program.
- c. When authorized to plant by Zone 7 staff or your water utility, the goal is to have at least 50% of the converted area be covered by plants by the time they reach full growth. The plants installed in the converted area must be native, low-water use, drought-tolerant, or Mediterranean and be on the Qualifying Plant List and/or on the Tri-Valley Water-wise Gardening website <http://www.trivalleywaterwise.com/>.
- d. Artificial Turf is not allowed by Zone 7 in the converted area and will not be rebated.
- e. All planting areas within the converted area must have at least three (3) inches of mulch. If a weed barrier is used under the mulch, it must be permeable to air and water.
- f. Permeable hardscapes are allowed in this program; however, the 50% Plant Cover Rule still applies to the entire lawn converted area only. Efficient Irrigation System is not required in the converted area. However, an existing sprinkler system in the converted area must be removed, capped in place, or converted to low-volume drip. Low-volume drip systems must be equipped with proper backflow prevention, a rainfall shutoff valve, a pressure regulator, filter, and pressure compensating emitters.

2. TERMS OF THE REBATE:

- a. Lawn conversion projects require a pre and post inspections. A “Notice to Proceed” will be provided from Zone 7 or the participating water retailer. The goal of the program is to achieve lasting water savings. The converted area must remain in place for at least two (2) years. An Applicant may be charged for some, or all, of the rebate amount at the discretion of the participating water agency if the Applicant does not maintain the converted area. This requirement is void upon transfer of ownership.
- b. The maximum rebate for residential single-family sites is \$750, and for multi-family residential and non-residential sites is \$4,500. Once phase 1 of the Lawn Conversion Project has been completed and approved, 40% of the rebate amount will be issued. Once authorization to plant is approved and planting is completed, the remaining 60% of the rebate will be issued to the Applicant (i.e. water customer).
- c. Applicants interested in participating in the Water Efficient Landscape Program must first submit an application to either Zone Water Agency or their water retailer, including full project details and proposed plant list for the converted area and current photograph(s) of the area to be converted. After application is accepted, the Applicant may be required to participate in a Pre-Conversion Site Inspection to measure the proposed conversion area and verify that the Applicant’s proposed Lawn Conversion Project meets the Terms and Conditions. If the Applicant is approved, the participating water agency will issue a “Notice to Proceed.”
- d. It is the Applicant’s responsibility to notify the participating water agency when each (phase 1) and (phase 2) of the Lawn Conversion Project is completed to ensure program compliance. The water retailer or Zone 7 Water Agency will then schedule the post inspection to verify Program compliance. During the phase 2 Final Inspection, applicants are required to provide the following:
 - i. Final list of plants used in the Lawn Conversion Project.
 - ii. Copy of receipts for plants, irrigation equipment, and other direct costs for Lawn Conversion Project. Note that the rebate will not cover costs associated with design, labor, sales tax, or equipment rental.
- e. Upon failure to Pass phase 2 of the inspection, customer will have to refund all rebates that have been issued. Credits to customer accounts will be reversed.
- f. Photographs and/or video recordings will be taken of the property and the Lawn Conversion Projects by participating water agencies or Zone 7 Water Agency staff as part of both the Pre- and Post- Conversion Site Inspections. By accepting the rebate, the Applicant shall release to Zone 7 Water Agency and the participating water agencies, its agents, and employees all rights to those media in print and electronic form publicly and privately for any purpose in the normal course of business. The applicant waives any rights, claims, or interest to control the likeness or identification used in whatever media format. The Applicant’s personal identity shall not be published in any form other than solely the Applicant’s address. Applicant understands that there will be no financial or other remuneration for recording the subject property for initial subsequent transmission or playback.
- g. Zone 7 Water Agency and the participating water retailers enforce only the Terms and Conditions of this agreement. The Applicant is solely responsible for complying with any and all laws, regulations, policies, conditions, covenants and restrictions that may apply, and for any and all liabilities arising out of a Lawn Conversion Project. Applicants must comply with all local permitting requirements, and with all state and local laws relating to landscape maintenance and compliance with stormwater regulations. Applicants who live in a Homeowners Association must provide written approval from the Homeowners Association and provide written approval from the Homeowners Association Management with the application.