

## WATER CONSERVATION REBATES

### WaterSense®-labeled Irrigation Controller Rebate

**Rebate amount:** cost of controller (up to \$125), excluding installation/labor, shipping, tax, etc.

**Important program dates:**

- Program start date: July 1, 2023
- Purchase & application deadline: May 1, 2026, or until grant funds are depleted.

**Eligibility requirements:**

- Applicant must be the current property owner to apply for and receive rebate.
- Property must be within the city of Surprise.
  - Residential customers: limited to one controller per property.
  - Homeowner Associations (HOAs), schools, multifamily, and commercial properties:
    - Must contact the Water Conservation Office at [conservewater@surpriseaz.gov](mailto:conservewater@surpriseaz.gov) for pre-eligibility approval.
    - Limited to the number of devices installed on the property, up to 10 devices, OR up to \$1,250 for a commercial grade controller.
- Rebates are for purchase of the following:
  - WaterSense®-labeled smart irrigation controller. Verify make and model number is listed under the category *Weather-based Irrigation Controllers* on the EPA WaterSense [website](#).
- Receipt (proof of payment, not an invoice with a “balance due”) must include:
  - Purchase date must be from July 1, 2023 through May 1, 2026.
  - Itemized list of device(s) including:
    - make and model number
  - OR**
  - SKU (found on the bar code on product packaging)
  - Cost of each device minus any labor, parts, shipping, tax, etc.
- Applications missing required information or documentation (including required receipt) are ineligible.

**Applicant steps:**

- Read and agree with the Grant Rebate Parameters. **Please note funding for this program requires the city to report overall water savings. Residents outside of city water service areas will be asked to provide at least 6 months of water use data prior to installation of their new controller and at least 6 months of water use data after installation of their new controller. Or, to explicitly allow the City to obtain that information from their water provider.**
- Purchase and install eligible device controller. (Verify on the EPA WaterSense [website](#).)
- Complete online application and supply all required documentation, including pre-installation water use information for grant reporting purposes. Post-installation water use will be collected in the future.
- Allow for inspection during normal business hours.

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### WaterSense® -labeled Irrigation Controller Rebate (continued)

#### City steps:

- Process rebates on a first-received, first-served basis until either application deadline or fund depletion occurs.
- Conduct inspection during normal business hours to verify installation.
- Approve application and issue rebate check once all requirements have been met.

#### Tax information

Applicants receiving \$600 or more in rebates from the City in a calendar year must submit a W-9 form before City issues rebate. The City will send 1099 forms to applicants after December 31 each year. Contact a tax professional for more information on rebates and taxes.

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## WATER CONSERVATION REBATES

### Single-family NEW Home XERISCAPE Landscape installation

**Rebate amount:** \$400 for installing a low-water-use Xeriscape landscape

#### Important program dates:

- Program start date: July 1, 2023
- Application deadline: April 15, 2026
- Project completion & notification deadline: May 1, 2026, or until grant funds are depleted.

#### Eligibility requirements:

- Applicant must be the current property owner to apply for and receive rebate.
  - Property must be a new, single-family residential home, built within two years prior to date of application.
- Rebates are for installing Xeriscape landscape with the following parameters:
  - Xeriscape landscaped area must exceed 30% of total square footage of either front or backyard area(s). Front yard can be landscaped with ADWR plants at time of application, however, no grass/turf allowed.
  - Hardscape such as pools, buildings, patios, pavers, concrete, driveways, etc. **do not** count as part of the landscaped square footage.
  - Artificial grass areas will not count towards landscaped square footage.
  - Landscaping **must include** installation of living, desert-adapted plants. All plants in landscape must be listed on the [Arizona Department of Water Resources \(ADWR\) plant list](#). **A list of installed plants must be provided to the city before the rebate will be processed. The plant list should include both the common name and scientific name, and the numbers of each plant in the landscape.**
  - Do **not** use impermeable barriers such as plastic sheeting.
  - Landscape yard by completion deadline to receive rebate. (Unplanted or bare soil does not qualify.)
- Xeriscape landscape installation must begin and conclude while the program is active: July 1, 2023 through May 1, 2026. (Must apply by April 15, 2026.)
- Applications missing required information or documentation (e.g. photos) are ineligible.

#### Applicant steps:

- Read program requirements and contact the Water Conservation Office at [ConserveWater@surpriseaz.gov](mailto:ConserveWater@surpriseaz.gov) for approval **prior to applying**.
- Submit online application and supply all required documentation/pre-project photos between July 1, 2023 and April 15, 2026 at [www.surpriseaz.gov/waterconservation](http://www.surpriseaz.gov/waterconservation)
  - Submit at least two photos each from the front yard and backyard landscape, taken from different angles.
  - Photos must be taken **within two weeks of application date**.
- Complete project and notify Water Conservation staff via email by submitting required **after project** photos by May 1, 2026.
- Allow for post-completion inspection during normal business hours.

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### Single-family NEW Home XERISCAPE Landscape installation (continued)

#### City steps:

- Process on a first-received, first-served basis until application deadline or fund depletion, whichever occurs first.
- Provide pre-eligibility approval, conduct inspection(s), and reserve funds pending project completion.
- Approve application and issue rebate check once all requirements have been met.

#### Tax information

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## WATER CONSERVATION REBATES

### Single Family Residential Turf Grass Removal Rebate

**Rebate amount:** \$2.00 per square foot of turf removed, up to \$2,000.

#### Important program dates:

- Program start date: July 1, 2023
- Application deadline: April 15, 2026
- Project completion & notification deadline: May 1, 2026, or until grant funds are depleted.

#### Eligibility requirements:

- Applicant must be resident of Surprise and the current property owner to apply for and receive rebate.
- Rebates are for removing warm-season (Bermuda grass) with the following parameters:
  - Minimum removal area of 500 ft<sup>2</sup> of warm-season (Bermuda grass), OR total grass square footage if less than 500 ft<sup>2</sup>
    - **NOTE:** Bare dirt, or areas with less than 50% density of actively growing or dormant Bermuda are not eligible.
  - To help mitigate the urban heat island effect, replacement landscaping **must include** living, desert-adapted plants with a minimum canopy coverage of 30%. The expected mature size of plants can count towards this coverage. Trunk or stem of the new plant must be in the converted area to count. Bare soil will not be approved.
  - All new plants in landscape must be listed on the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) plant list. **A list of installed plants must be provided to the city before the rebate will be processed. The plant list should include both the common name and scientific name, and the numbers of each plant in the landscape.**
    - Do not use impermeable barriers such as plastic sheeting
  - Fountains, pools and other water-intensive features may **not** be installed in the removal area.
  - Turf removal and Xeriscape landscape installation must begin and conclude while the program is active: July 1, 2023 through May 1, 2026 (must apply by April 15, 2026)
- Applications missing required information or documentation (e.g. photos, W-9, etc.) are ineligible

#### Applicant steps:

- Read program requirements and contact the Water Conservation Office at [ConserveWater@surpriseaz.gov](mailto:ConserveWater@surpriseaz.gov) for **pre-eligibility approval prior to applying** (may include an inspection during normal business hours)
- Read and agree with the Grant Rebate Parameters. **Please note funding for this program requires the city to report overall water savings. Residents outside of city water service areas will be asked to provide at least 6 months of water use data prior to turf removal and at least 6 months of water use data after turf removal. Or, to explicitly allow the City to obtain that information from their water provider.**

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- Take required photos as directed by Water Conservation staff following pre-eligibility approval.
- Submit online application and supply all required documentation (e.g. photos, W-9, etc.) between July 1, 2023 and April 15, 2026 at [www.surpriseaz.gov/waterconservation](http://www.surpriseaz.gov/waterconservation)
- Complete project and notify Water Conservation staff via email by submitting required photos by May 1, 2026
- Allow for inspection during normal business hours

### City steps:

- Process on a first-received, first-served basis until application deadline or fund depletion, whichever occurs first.
- Provide pre-eligibility approval (Notice to Proceed), conduct inspection(s), and reserve funds pending project completion.
- Approve application and issue rebate check once all requirements have been met.

### Tax information

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## WATER CONSERVATION REBATES

### HOA, commercial, multifamily turf grass removal rebate

**Rebate amount:** \$2.00 per square foot of turf removed, up to 6,000 square feet for a maximum rebate of \$12,000.

#### Important program dates:

- Program start date: July 1, 2023
- Application deadline: March 31, 2026
- Project completion & notification deadline: May 1, 2026, or until grant funds are depleted.

#### Eligibility requirements:

- Applicant must be the current property owner or authorized board/business officer to apply for rebate.
- Rebates are for removing warm-season (Bermuda grass) with the following parameters:
  - Minimum removal area of 1,000 ft<sup>2</sup> of warm-season (Bermuda grass), bare dirt, or areas with less than 50% density of actively growing or dormant Bermuda are ineligible.
  - All new plants placed in the landscape must be listed on the [Arizona Department of Water Resources \(ADWR\) plant list](#). **If new plants are installed, a list of the new plants must be provided to the city before the rebate will be processed. The plant list should include both the common name and scientific name, and the numbers of each plant in the landscape.**
  - Do not use impermeable barriers such as plastic sheeting.
  - Unplanted, bare soil does not qualify.
- Turf removal and Xeriscape landscape installation must begin and conclude while the program is active: July 1, 2023 through May 1, 2026. (Must apply by March 31, 2026)
- Applications missing required information or documentation (e.g. photos, W-9, etc.) are ineligible.

#### Applicant steps:

- Read program requirements and contact the Water Conservation Office at [ConserveWater@surpriseaz.gov](mailto:ConserveWater@surpriseaz.gov) for **pre-eligibility approval** prior to applying. (May include an inspection during normal business hours.)
- Read and agree with the Grant Rebate Parameters. **Please note funding for this program requires the city to report overall water savings. Residents outside of city water service areas will be asked to provide at least 6 months of water use data prior to turf removal and at least 6 months of water use data after turf removal. Or, to explicitly allow the City to obtain that information from their water provider.**
- Take required photos as directed by Water Conservation staff following pre-eligibility approval.
- Submit online application and supply all required documentation (e.g. photos, W-9, etc.) between July 1, 2023 and March 31, 2026 at [www.surpriseaz.gov/waterconservation](http://www.surpriseaz.gov/waterconservation)
- Complete project and notify Water Conservation staff via email by submitting required photos by May 1, 2026.
- Allow for inspection during normal business hours.

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### HOA, commercial, multifamily turf grass removal rebate

#### City steps:

- Process on a first-received, first-served basis until application deadline or fund depletion, whichever occurs first.
- Provide pre-eligibility approval (Notice to Proceed), conduct inspection(s), and reserve funds pending project completion.
- Approve application and issue rebate check.

### HOA, commercial, multifamily turf grass removal rebate (continued)

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