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

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 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
    - 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 program requirements.
- Purchase and install eligible device controller. (Verify on the EPA WaterSense website.)
- Complete online application and supply all required documentation.
- Allow for inspection during normal business hours.

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.

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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Updated 1/31/2024
Single-family NEW Home 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

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 Backyard Xeriscape landscape with the following parameters:
  - Landscaped area must exceed 30% of backyard square footage.
  - Hardscape such as pools, buildings, patios, pavers, concrete, driveways, etc. do not count as part of the landscaped square footage.
  - 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. Plant list should include the common name and scientific name.
  - Do not use impermeable barriers such as plastic sheeting.
  - Landscape backyard by completion deadline to receive rebate. (Unplanted or bare soil does not qualify.)
- Backyard 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.)
- Front yard can be landscaped at time of application with ADWR plants, however, no grass/turf allowed.
- 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 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 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 one week 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.

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.

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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 $2000

Important program dates:
  • Program start date: July 1, 2023
  • Application deadline: April 15, 2026
  • Project completion & notification deadline: May 1, 2026

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:
    o Minimum removal area of 500 ft² of warm-season (Bermuda grass), OR total grass square footage if less than 500 ft²
      • Bare dirt, or areas with less than 50% density of actively growing or dormant Bermuda are ineligible
    o Remaining natural landscape must have a minimum 30% mature Arizona-friendly plant canopy coverage.
      • 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. Bare soil will not be approved.
        Trunk or stem of the new plant must be in the converted area to count.
      • All new plants in landscape must be listed on the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) plant list.
        • Do not use impermeable barriers such as plastic sheeting
    o Fountains, pools and other water-intensive features may not be installed in the removal area.
    o 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 for pre-eligibility approval prior to applying (may include an inspection during normal business hours)
  • 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
  • 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:
  o Process on a first-received, first-served basis until application deadline or fund depletion, whichever occurs first
  o Provide pre-eligibility approval (Notice to Proceed), conduct inspection(s), and reserve funds pending project completion
  o Approve application and issue rebate check

Tax information
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HOA, commercial, multifamily turf grass removal rebate

Rebate amount: $2.00 per square foot of turf removed, up to $6,000

Important program dates:

- Program start date: July 1, 2023
- Application deadline: March 31, 2026
- Project completion & notification deadline: May 1, 2026

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 ft² 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 in landscape must be listed on the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) plant list.
  - 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 for pre-eligibility approval prior to applying. (May include an inspection during normal business hours.)
- 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 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.

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