

Comparison of CCWD and State of California Lawn Conversion Rebate Programs

| Topic | CCWD Lawn to Garden Program | State Turf Replacement Rebate |
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| Program Terms | | |
| Program Eligibility | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not Retroactive. • Lawn may be brown due to drought. Dirt areas with no sign of lawn are not eligible. • Must have an existing in-ground sprinkler system. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not Retroactive. • Lawn area, living or dead, must be in place. Bare earth and artificial grass not eligible. |
| Conversion Locations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Front yard only. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Front and back yards. |
| Application Required | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes (via online submittal or mail-in) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes (via online submittal or mail-in) |
| Application Process | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customer completes application and submits to CCWD. • CCWD conducts a pre-inspection to measure lawn and confirm eligibility and then sends customer Notice to Proceed Letter authorizing them to start their project and listing the rebate amount. • Customer completes their project and notifies CCWD when complete • CCWD conducts a post inspection to ensure project meets program terms. • CCWD sends rebate check within 4-7 weeks of post inspection. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customer submits five “before” photos, and square-footage of lawn proposed to be converted. • Customer may start project after receipt of Reservation Acceptance Notice from State. • Customer to complete remaining application sections when project is completed which includes at submitting five “after” photos. • Customer will receive an acceptance email/letter within two weeks. • State to send rebate 8-10 weeks after acceptance email/letter. |
| Minimum Lawn Size | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 300 square feet minimum or 100% of the front lawn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No minimum lawn area for conversion |
| Rebate Amount for Single Family Properties | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1.00/square foot up to \$1,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1.00/square foot up to 1,000 square feet per property. • Note: State Rebate is \$1.00 per sq. ft. in CCWD service area. |
| Rebate Amount for Multi-Family / Commercial Areas | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1.00/square foot up to \$20,000 per property | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No rebate offered for Commercial or Multi-family. Single-family only. |

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| Project Time Frame | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six months from the Notice to Proceed letter date. Extensions are provided as necessary. • Converted area to remain within the terms and conditions for a five year period. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 120 days (4 months) from “Reservation Acceptance Notice”. Projects not completed within 120 days forfeit reserved funds (application cancelled). |
| New Landscape Requirements | | |
| Plant Coverage Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% plant coverage at maturity for area converted. • Low water needing/adaptable to local climate (District approved list of plants). • Pre-existing plants do not count toward the 50% coverage requirement. • Tree in project not required. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25% plant coverage at maturity for area converted. • Low water, drought tolerant, California native plants. (Referred to local plant lists, nurseries, water use classification website). Exception may include food-producing trees, shrubs, vines and perennials. • <u>Must</u> include a tree, whether existing or new. |
| Irrigation Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All sprinklers must be removed or capped; • New irrigation must be drip or hand water. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If there were existing sprinklers, they must be removed or capped. • New irrigation must be drip, micro-spray or hand water. |
| Impermeable Surfaces | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not eligible. Areas must be permeable to air and water. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not eligible. Areas must be permeable. |
| Pavers, Walkways, etc. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowed, but must be permeable materials such as decomposed granite, flag stones, etc. (no concrete, etc.) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowed, but paving stones, pavers and brick patios are permitted but must be filled with loose material. No concrete or impermeable grouting may be used to affix the pavers in place. |
| Mulch | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All planting areas require two inches of mulch. If a weed barrier is used below mulch must be permeable to air and water (wood mulch, rock, and gravel acceptable). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mulch is required in all exposed soil surfaces. Options include: organic material, rock and decomposed granite (DG); rubber bark allowed. DG limited to 25% or less of surface area converted. |
| Artificial Grass | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible. However, the 50% plant coverage rule applies to the entire area. Must be installed by licensed contractor. Patio carpet/Astroturf products not eligible. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artificial turf is not allowed. |
| Vegetable Gardens, Raised Vegetable Beds | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not eligible. Vegetable gardens and raised beds are not allowed. Refer to approved plant list for qualified trees, shrubs and vines. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food producing trees, shrubs, vines, and perennial plants are allowed. |

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