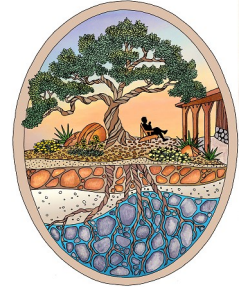


Application# _____ Date _____

LIVE LIKE A DESERT NATIVE — Cash for Grass Program

The San Bernardino County Department of Public Works Special Districts Water and Sanitation Division (Division) is offering property owners a rebate incentive to remove living and maintained lawn and replace it with water-efficient landscaping through the Cash for Grass Program. Beginning November 2023, rebates will be offered to customers within County Service Areas (CSAs) 70 J Oak Hills, 64 Spring Valley Lake, 42 Oro Grande, and W-4 Pioneertown at \$0.50 per square foot to replace lawn with water-efficient desert landscaping. This program offers financial incentive to customers by offsetting a portion of the project cost of converting water-thirsty lawn to native and desert adaptive landscaping over 25% of the project area.



REQUIREMENTS:

Please read all program rules carefully before submitting this application.

1. Starting without the Division's pre-approval will make your landscape conversion project ineligible for participation in this program.
2. Read all application information before signing below and agreeing to the program terms.
3. Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis while funding is available.
4. The Division, at its discretion, may at any time modify, suspend, or terminate this program without prior notice.
5. Please submit this original application only after the application is completed and all necessary items listed are included.

ELIGIBILITY

Program application must be received by the Division and **pre-approved** before removing any lawn and beginning the landscape conversion project. The Division will require your presence at the site pre-inspection before providing approval for your project.

Program application must be mailed to the Division and **pre-approved** by the Division *before* removing any lawn and beginning the landscape conversion project. The Division will require your presence at the site pre-inspection before providing approval for your project.

See item "PRE-CONVERSION INSPECTION" on other side of this application for more information.

Areas to be converted must be **living and maintained lawn only**.

Residential landscape conversion limits -up to 1,500 sq. ft. maximum.

Applicant must participate in a post-inspection to receive approval of the landscape and irrigation system conversion and **before** an account credit will be issued.

Once your project is completed, contact the Division to schedule a post-inspection at 760-962-1522.

Notes: _____

Property Owner _____ Date _____
 Service Address _____
 Mailing Address (if different than above) _____
 City _____ Zip _____
 Daytime Phone () _____ Evening Phone () _____
 Email Address _____
 My Account Number or APN (Please refer to your water bill or property tax statement) _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY PRE-INSPECTION INFO

Date _____

Application# _____

Account# _____

Sq Ft grass to be removed _____

Sq Ft plants to install (25%) _____

Type of irrigation in area _____

Due date for Completion _____

Inspector signature _____

Owner signature _____

POST-INSPECTION INFO

Date _____

Sq Ft removed _____

Sq Ft of new plants _____

Converted to Drip? (Y/N) _____

Date photo taken _____

Inspector signature _____

Owner signature _____

Please read the paragraph below carefully before signing. If you do not fully understand each of the statements, call the Division. I am the rightful owner or owner's agent for the property described above and I agree to abide by the rules of this program. This application has been accurately completed and the information here is intended to meet the program requirements. I may be disqualified if my irrigation system is found to have any serious inefficiencies during the irrigation audit. I will not begin my landscape conversion replacement project until I have been notified that my application has been pre-approved at or following the pre-conversion inspection.

Property Owner: _____

Date: _____

Inspector's Signature: _____

Phone Number: _____

LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS

- Installation of at least 25% living plant coverage is required at the time of post-inspection to receive approval for a rebate.
- Plant lists are available through the Division and the Alliance for Water Awareness and Conservation (AWAC) www.hdawac.org website. Remaining lawn areas and existing landscaping are not considered in the 25% plant coverage calculation.
- Plants and lawn outside the converted area are not covered or considered in the rebate calculation even if they are adjacent to or overhanging into the area.
- It is recommended that converted areas be covered by a minimum two (2) inch layer of permeable mulch and this may be a requirement.
- Mulches may include bark, rock, and/or un-grouted stepping stones. Non-permeable materials like plastic film and concrete are not permitted in the conversion area.

IRRIGATION SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

- If a spray irrigation system is currently being used, it must be converted to a low-volume drip system equipped with a pressure regulator, filter and emitters providing irrigation to new plantings.
- Each drip emitter must be rated at less than 20 gallons per hour (gph).
- Spray irrigation is not permitted in the landscape conversion area and must be capped off if not converted to drip irrigation.
- If part of a lawn is converted, the sprinkler system must be properly modified to provide adequate coverage to the remaining lawn without spraying the converted area.

REBATE TERMS

- The terms of this agreement expire in SIX calendar months from the date the application is approved on the date of the pre-inspection. Extensions are not available. The final post-inspection is not counted against the six-month time limit once the Division has been notified that your project is complete and that a post-inspection is needed.
- Only one application per property may be received under this agreement and only one rebate per site will be processed. The Division reserves the right to reject or limit the number of applications being processed. Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis and only while funding is available or until the program is discontinued.

REBATE AMOUNT

- The Division Cash for Grass rebate is \$0.50 per square foot for approved landscape conversions.
- Cash for Grass rebate amounts: \$50.00 up to \$750 per single family residential site.
- Rebates will be applied to the property owner's account within 60 days after the post-inspection.

PRE-CONVERSION INSPECTION

- Pre-inspections of your existing landscape will be conducted by the Division. Your application must be pre-approved during the enrollment period and before removing any lawn to begin a conversion.
- Photos of the existing lawn will be taken during the landscape pre-inspection.
- The Division requires that you, or an authorized person over the age of 18, be present during the pre-conversion inspection.

POST-CONVERSION INSPECTION

- Once the landscape conversion project is finished, you are responsible for notifying the Division to schedule a post-inspection at 760-962-1522.
- You, or an authorized person over the age of 18, are required to be on premise during the post-inspection.
- The post-inspection will include taking photos of the converted landscape, obtaining converted landscape area measurements, irrigation system inspection, plant eligibility review for program compliance and rebate eligibility verification.
- If the converted landscape or irrigation system fails post-inspection, you will be notified, provided explanation, & granted 30 (thirty) days to complete the post-inspection process. No additional extensions are allowed.

CONVERSION SUSTAINABILITY REQUIREMENTS

- The converted area must remain in compliance with all program conditions for a period of two (2) years.
- If the landscaping is altered during this two (2) year period, you may be required to refund some or the entire rebate if this requirement is violated. Landscape and plant maintenance, plant quality and appearance before, during, and after the conversion are the sole responsibility of the applicant.
- This requirement is void upon property transfer of ownership.

OTHER APPLICANT RESPONSIBILITIES

The Division enforces only the conditions of this agreement. The applicant is responsible for complying with all laws, policies, codes and covenants that may or do apply.

Program rebates for \$600 or more may be considered taxable income. Check with a tax professional for your specific tax filing requirements.

Disclaimer The Division reserves the right to reject any application that does not meet all of the requirements of the Division's "Cash for Grass" rebate incentive Program and the Division makes no representations or warranties as to the condition, quality, effectiveness, operability, or cost of installing or maintaining residential, multi-family, commercial, industrial, or institutional landscapes subject to this program or of removing or disposing of any landscape or irrigation equipment debris in connection therewith and, to the extent not prohibited by law, disclaims all express and implied conditions, representations and warranties related thereto, including without limitation any implied warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose. Limitation of Liability/Release. Applicant understands and agrees that to the extent not prohibited by law, in no event shall the Division, its officials, officers, employees or agents be liable for any claimed or actual damages or losses of any kind, however caused and regardless of the theory of liability related in any way to this landscape "Cash for Grass" rebate incentive program even if the Division has been advised of the possibility of such damages or losses. To the extent not prohibited by law applicant assumes all risks associated with this program, including without limitation, all risks associated with purchase, installation and maintenance of landscape material and irrigation system equipment subject to this program (including without limitation the risk of not realizing cost savings as a result of converting to low water use landscape), and the removal and disposal of any landscape materials, irrigation system equipment, and landscape maintenance debris in connection therewith. Applicant releases the Division, its officials, officers, employees and agents from any and all claims for damage or death or injury to any persons or property arising in any way from this "Cash for Grass" landscape rebate incentive program any landscape material disposal irrigation system equipment or landscape maintenance and equipment subject to this program (including without limitation the use or operation thereon, or the removal or disposal of any landscape materials and irrigation system equipment in connection therewith, other than those caused solely by the willful or grossly negligent acts or omission of the Division.