



Xeriscape™ Landscaping Rebate Program

PLEASE NOTE → The conversion/installation of a landscape to a low water use (Xeriscape) landscape needs to occur after the inception date of this program which is November 14, 2004. Only those landscapes installed after this date qualify for the Xeriscape Rebate.

PURPOSE: Installing Xeriscape Landscaping will allow you to permanently reduce the amount of water you use for landscaping purposes. The City of Avondale is offering a \$200 rebate to Utilities' customers who install these sustainable landscapes that conserve water. The rebate will be issued after the landscape has been inspected and approved by the City's Water Conservation Office.

DESCRIPTION: Xeriscape Landscaping is designed specifically for regions that are susceptible to drought. Xeriscape need not be limited to cacti, but encompass a range of low and moderate water-use plants. A Xeriscape Landscaping policy allows you to use the plants you want, but insists on common-sense measures that will help conserve water. A common element in Xeriscape Landscaping is the reduction of turf areas, the use of indigenous plants, and the grouping of plants with similar water requirements together. By converting your turf to Xeriscape you can reduce your outdoor water use by up to 50%!

Simply stated, Xeriscape is a landscape that is water wise – using water conservatively in the landscape without wasting. Creating sustainable landscape is one way you can save water, lower your water bill, and lessen your impact on the local environment

PROCEDURE:

1. The Xeriscape Landscaping Rebate applies to installation of Xeriscape at new properties or the conversion of existing high water-use landscaping to Xeriscape. **Pre-existing low water-use landscape or landscape packages offered through homebuilders are not eligible for the rebate.**
2. Rebate is available to single family residential homes. Front and rear yards are considered separate for the purposes of this rebate. Each address is eligible for one rebate per yard, for a total of \$400 if both front and back yards are Xeriscape Landscaped or converted to Xeriscape Landscaping.
3. Before beginning your landscape conversion download a preliminary application in Adobe Acrobat® PDF format from the City of Avondale website at www.avondaleaz.gov Public Works Conservation page or request an application through e-mail at eavila@avondaleaz.gov or by calling 623.333.4400.
4. Complete the preliminary application and submit it to the City of Avondale Water Conservation Office, 399 E. Lower Buckeye Rd, Avondale, AZ 85323. Your application must be signed by the homeowner and must be accompanied by a Landscape Site Plan. The site plan should include:
 - a. A plan view sketch of the yard to be converted or installed with appropriate measurements to and from the street, driveways, patios, walks and/or buildings. At the end of your conversion or installation, newly installed Xeriscape Landscaping must cover at least 500 square feet and at least 70% of the overall landscapable area (landscapable area does not include hardscape such as driveways, patios and walks). Contact the Water Conservation Office at 623.333.4400 with any questions regarding this requirement.
 - b. The proposed Xeriscape plan including plant species, approximate densities and locations.

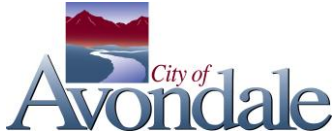
- i. Xeriscape plants must be selected from the Phoenix AMA Low Water –Use Plant List published by the Arizona Department of Water Resources. This list can be obtained at http://www.azwater.gov/azdwr/StatewidePlanning/Conservation2/LandscapePros/PlantLists_Landscaping.html or by calling the Water Conservation Office at 623.333.4400
- ii. At maturity, low water-use plants chosen from the AMA list, in combination with other aesthetic low-water use features such as rock gardens, must cover 75% of the Xeriscaped area. Large areas of weedy or unplanted bare soil do not qualify. The Water Conservation Office will verify coverage during the approval process.
- iii. Existing plants may be incorporated into the design and contribute to coverage, provided they are on the approved plant list.
- iv. Landscapes with fountains are not eligible unless the fountain is of a cascading, non-spray design.

c. At least two photographs of each existing yard.

5. The use of impermeable plastic sheeting in your landscape is NOT recommended. The installation of any inorganic groundcover can not conflict with other City of Avondale landscaping requirements as prescribed by existing policies, procedures or ordinances.
6. If you are a member of a Homeowner's Association, please be sure that your conversion project meets your community's requirements.
7. The Water Conservation Office will review your preliminary application for rebate eligibility. An initial inspection/consultation during the eligibility review period is recommended to ensure that your landscape will meet the program requirements.
8. Once the Water Conservation Office has approved your proposed site plan and preliminary application, proceed with your conversion or installation. **You will have one year (from the date your preliminary application is approved) to install the Xeriscape Landscaping in accordance with the approved site plan.**
9. When your conversion is complete, please contact the Water Conservation Office at 623.333.4400 to schedule an inspection of your landscaping.
10. At the time of the inspection, you must provide your dated sales receipts and a list of the plants that were installed. The Water Conservation Office will take photographs of the completed project and discuss the requirements of your new desert plants, efficient irrigation, and appropriate landscape maintenance.
11. Two to three weeks after approval of your application, a \$200 check for each yard will be issued to you and mailed via U.S. Post to the address on your application form. The rebate amount may not exceed the amount paid for the Xeriscape Landscaping. If you purchased the landscaping materials for each yard for less than \$200, the purchase price (including applicable sales tax) will be the rebate amount.

PLEASE NOTE: Applicants must be City of Avondale water customers. Sewer and trash-only customers are not eligible. The Xeriscape Landscaping materials must be installed within one year of your preliminary application approval. A limited number of rebates are available per fiscal year. Rebates will be given on a first come, first served basis from the date and time the application is received.

QUESTIONS: If you have further questions regarding the Xeriscape Landscaping Rebate Program e-mail the Water Conservation Office at eavila@avondaleaz.gov or call 623.333.4400



Xeriscape™ Landscaping Rebate Preliminary Application

IMPORTANT!!

Please review the Xeriscape Landscaping Rebate Program information sheets for program eligibility and rebate requirements before embarking on any landscaping modifications.

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

WATER CONSERVATION REBATES, CITY OF AVONDALE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
399 E LOWER BUCKEYE ROAD, AVONDALE, AZ 85323
PHONE (623) 333-4400 FAX (623) 333-0440

CUSTOMER NAME: _____ UTILITIES ACCOUNT No.: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER (HOME): _____ EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS OF PROPERTY (IF NOT THE SAME AS ABOVE): _____

PLEASE CHECK OR RESPOND AS APPROPRIATE:

- _____ New Landscape _____ Converted Landscape _____ Front Yard _____ Back Yard
- _____ (Y or N) Is the property a single family residential home?
- _____ (Y or N) Is the Xeriscape Landscaping part of a package offered by the homebuilder?
- _____ (Y or N) Will the conversion/installation cover at least 500 square feet and at least 70% of the overall landscapable area?
- _____ (Y or N) At maturity, will the plants and other features cover 75% of the Xeriscaped area?
- _____ (Y or N) Was the Xeriscape Landscape installed **AFTER** November 15, 2004, AND within the previous year?
- _____ (Y or N) Will your conversion/installation meet the requirements of your HOA?

IN ADDITION TO THIS APPLICATION, PLEASE PROVIDE THE WATER CONSERVATION OFFICE WITH THE FOLLOWING:

1. LANDSCAPE SITE PLAN
2. PLANT LIST (PLANTS MUST BE SELECTED FROM THE PHOENIX AMA LOW WATER USE PLANT LIST)
3. TWO PHOTOS OF EACH YARD PRIOR TO THE NEW LANDSCAPE INSTALLATION

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- ⇒ The Water Conservation Office will review your application for eligibility. It is recommended that you call the Office at (623) 333-4400 to set up an initial inspection to ensure your landscape will meet the program requirements.
- ⇒ Once approved, you'll have one year to install your Xeriscape landscaping in accordance with the approved site plan.
- ⇒ Contact the Water Conservation Office once your conversion/installation is complete.
- ⇒ REMEMBER! Save your dated sales receipts!

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

SIGNATURE OF PROPERTY OWNER (HOMEOWNER) DATE

<i>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>INITIALS</i>
ACCOUNT NUMBER: _____	APPLICATION RECEIVED _____	_____
	PLAN APPROVED/NOT APPROVED (CIRCLE ONE) _____	_____
	APPROVED/NOT APPROVED (CIRCLE ONE) _____	_____
REBATE AMOUNT: _____	REBATE ISSUED _____	_____