



## Landscape Conversion Rebate Program for Non-Residential Water Users

### PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION

This program offers rebates starting at \$200 per 1,000 square feet of turf converted to low-water use landscape up to a maximum of \$3,000. This Rebate Program encourages installation of low-water-use, drought-tolerant plants (Xeriscape), thereby creating a reduction in the amount of water applied to landscapes. Free low-water use landscaping booklets and an interactive CD are available to assist with conversion to Xeriscape. Request these by calling (623) 333-4422, or by email request at [eavila@avondaleaz.gov](mailto:eavila@avondaleaz.gov).

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Homeowner Association (HOA), schools, and commercial properties that are Avondale utility customers who use potable water to irrigate turf areas on a continual basis and meet the program qualifications and requirements stated below. If the applicant is an HOA, it must be authorized by the HOA Board and the applicant must be the Property Manager or Homeowner Association President.

### Getting Started

1. Call the Water Conservation Office at (623) 333-4422 to set up a preliminary site inspection.
2. Submit a "before" photo of established turf area and "after" photo of landscape conversion.
3. You can begin the project after verification of eligibility by the Water Conservation Staff member.
4. The City of Avondale may reject applications it deems out of compliance with Xeriscape principles.
5. Revised landscape plans shall be submitted to the City of Avondale Planning & Development Office for approval.

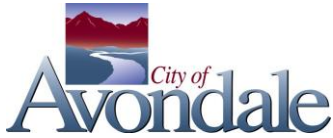
### REQUIREMENTS

1. The property must have a minimum of 1,000 square feet of established turf area in the landscape that will be removed and converted to low-water use landscaping.
2. Landscapable area of the property must exceed 1,000 square feet. This area excludes buildings, driveways, and pools, etc. Patio or decking is included in landscapable area.
3. The HOA common area landscape conversion must be completed on or after July 1, 2009.
4. Rebate application must be completed and submitted by applicant.
5. A preliminary site inspection to confirm eligibility is required before starting the conversion.
6. The HOA organization applying for the rebate must participate in a free water budgeting program offered by the City of Avondale Water Conservation Office.
7. The application must include existing turf measurements.
8. A final inspection is required after completion of the landscape renovation.
9. Exposed soil in conversion areas must be landscaped. Bare soil is not acceptable.
10. No fountains are allowed in conversion areas unless they are recirculating and comply with Avondale's City Code.
11. After conversion, a minimum 75% of the total landscapable area must be in non-grass with only plants from the Phoenix AMA Low-Water Use Plant List and include inorganic or organic top dressing. The Phoenix AMA Low-Water Use Plant List can be found on the City's website at [www.avondale.org/water](http://www.avondale.org/water). Inorganic top dressing may include gravel, river rock, and decomposed granite. Organic top dressing includes bark, shredded bark or mulch.
12. Include dated sales receipts to verify conversion expenditures must be submitted.
13. Two to three weeks after completion of landscape conversion and inspection, a rebate check will be issued and mailed via U.S. Post to the address on the application form.

*An HOA property is permitted only one application per year. The number of rebates awarded each year depends upon availability of funds. Rebates are awarded in the order applications are received (from the date that the complete application is received) on a first come, first served basis. The rebate is not retroactive and does not apply to work completed before July 1, 2009. Program rules may be changed at any time.*

### QUESTIONS:

If you have further questions regarding the Landscape Conversion Rebate Program e-mail the Water Conservation Office at [eavila@avondaleaz.gov](mailto:eavila@avondaleaz.gov) or call (623) 333-4422.



# Landscape Conversion Rebate Program Application for the Non-Residential Water Users

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:  
CITY OF AVONDALE Public Works Department/Rebates  
399 E. LOWER BUCKEYE RD, AVONDALE, AZ 85323  
PHONE (623) 333-44400 FAX (623) 333-0440

TAX ID.  
Submit W-9 form with application

CUSTOMER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ WATER SERVICES ACCOUNT No.: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER (HOME): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### GETTING STARTED:

- ⇒ The Water Conservation Office will review your application for eligibility. It is recommended that you call the Office at (623) 333-4422 to set up an initial inspection to ensure your landscape will meet the program requirements.
- ⇒ Once approved, you'll have one year to begin the landscape conversion in accordance with the approved site plan.

### PLEASE CHECK OR RESPOND AS APPROPRIATE:

- \_\_\_\_\_ (Y or N) Has landscape plan been submitted and approved by the City of Avondale Planning & Development Office?
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Y or N) Will the conversion/installation cover at least 1,000 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 landscaped area?
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Y or N) Was the landscape conversion installed AFTER July 1, 2009?
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Y or N) Will your conversion/installation meet the requirements of your HOA? (Attach letter of approval from HOA Board)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Y or N) Is your DATED sales receipt attached? REMEMBER! Your dated sales receipt must accompany this application to verify conversion expenditures.

### 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. PHOTOS OF AREA PRIOR TO THE NEW LANDSCAPE INSTALLATION (MINIMUM OF TWO)

### WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- ⇒ Contact the Water Conservation Office once your conversion/installation is complete.
- ⇒ Two to three weeks after the Water Conservation Staff has conducted the site visit and approved the landscape conversion, a check will be issued and mailed via U.S. Post to the address on your application form.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT ALL REQUIREMENTS WERE FULFILLED AND CONVERSION COMPLETED AT THE STATED PROPERTY ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE/PROPERTY MANAGER DATE

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*FOR OFFICE USE ONLY* DATE INITIALS

ACCOUNT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICATION RECEIVED \_\_\_\_\_

INSPECTION REQUIRED/NOT REQUIRED (CIRCLE ONE) \_\_\_\_\_

(IF INSPECTION REQUIRED) INSPECTION COMPLETED \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED/NOT APPROVED (CIRCLE ONE) \_\_\_\_\_

REBATE AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_

REBATE ISSUED \_\_\_\_\_