

SJWD Lawn Replacement Rebate- Program Terms and Conditions

The Lawn Replacement Rebate Program provides rebates in the form of a check or a bill credit for San Juan Water District (SJWD) customers for changing water-thirsty lawns to water-efficient landscapes. Funding is limited and applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Submission of an application does not guarantee funding. Participants are eligible for one lawn replacement rebate per meter. Participation requires that ALL terms and conditions for lawn replacement are met, and if these requirements are not fully met the rebate will be denied. SJWD reserves the right to modify or terminate this program at any time, for any reason.

To qualify for a rebate, the applicant must:

- Be a San Juan Water District customer in good standing
- Be the property owner or the authorized representative on record of a single family residence
- Submit a completed application form and documentation as described below
- Convert lawn/turf per the terms and conditions listed below, outlined in the application, and in compliance with any HOA rules/regulations .

Application Process:

1. **Go to SJWD.org and submit a completed application online.** Once the application has been received and rebate funds have been identified, please contact the Water Efficiency Team to schedule a pre-inspection of the existing turf to be removed and documented.
2. Once the pre-inspection has been completed, the water provider will provide you with estimated square feet of turf replacement area and a list of the irrigation efficiency upgrade equipment/materials that are approved for purchase and eligible for a rebate.
3. Turf grass removal, purchase and installation of all approved irrigation equipment and new plant material must be completed within 120 days from the date of the approved customer rebate application.
4. You must provide original purchase receipts for irrigation upgrades to the water provider. Receipts are not required for turf grass removal. Submission of the applicable purchase receipts are required to be eligible for a rebate under this Program. If a contractor purchased the materials, you must request a detailed invoice showing separate line items for materials and labor.
5. **All rebates of more than \$599.99, including credits received from other District rebate programs, will require the completion of a W-9 form prior to receiving the rebate.** The application will be issued a 1099 in January of the following year. A turf rebate more than \$599.99 will be issued in the form of a check by your water provider within 45 days from the approval date. If a Rebates is less than \$600, the applicant can choose to receive the money in the form of a check or an account credit applied to future charges.
6. Upon completion of the project, please submit 5 photos to San Juan Water District.
 - a. All photographs must be in color.
 - b. Photographs cannot be an up-close shot of grass or plants. We recommend you stand back far enough to include your home, street, or fence as a reference point.
 - c. The street number must be visible in at least one photograph.
 - d. Photographs cannot be an online image such as Google street view.
 - e. The photographs provided must be a current representation of the yard's state.
 - f. Altered photographs will result in disqualification.

Terms and Conditions:

1. The applicant applying for the rebate must be a water service customer of San Juan Water District and the site where the equipment is to be installed must receive water service from San Juan Water District.
2. Rebates are only available to improve existing in-ground irrigation systems and/or automatic timers. New irrigation system installations are not eligible. Turf replacement rebate must replace living and irrigated turf grass landscape.
3. **The maximum combined rebate for turf replacement, irrigation system efficiency upgrades, and installation is \$1,000 per active meter.** Turf is rebated at a rate of \$1 per square foot. If you are not replacing a combined 1,000 square feet of turf, the rebate may also include materials and labor (installation) costs up to \$150. Material cost per unit must not exceed manufacturer's suggested retail price. Installation is the sole responsibility of the applicant. However, the applicant can choose to hire a licensed (State of California C27, C36 or applicable CSLB A classification license) landscape contractor. To confirm that a contractor holds a valid license visit www.cslb.ca.gov. Installation costs from a licensed landscape contractor can be reimbursed through this Program **for up to \$150** per meter for a total rebate not to exceed above limits of \$1000. In order to receive reimbursement for installation costs, a detailed invoice from a licensed contractor with itemized material and labor costs must be submitted to the water provider. Incidental supplies such as couplings, wiring, electrical tape, etc. are excluded from rebate funding. Self-installation by a residential or commercial/institutional property owner/staff may not receive reimbursement for installation costs.
4. Turf replacement upgrades include removal of current living and irrigated turf grass to be replaced by permeable materials including low water use and native vegetation, gravel, and mulch. Customer purchase receipts for plant materials may be required. **Artificial Turf purchase and installation is NOT reimbursable for this rebate.**
5. Eligible irrigation equipment upgrades include equipment that improves irrigation efficiency as determined by the staff of SJWD. Itemized receipts and/or invoices are required. Upgrades may include:
 - a. Matched precipitation rate sprinkler heads equipped with pressure reducing devices or check valves: to standardize all equipment within systems
 - b. Drip irrigation equipment: converting existing non-turf area spray equipment to low volume drip. Note: Microspray systems do not meet the terms of the program. Drip systems must be separated from overhead spray heads with an independent valve.
 - c. Convert standard spray type nozzles to low precipitation, high distribution uniformity or multi-stream nozzles.
 - d. Pressure regulation equipment for irrigation system
 - e. Smart Irrigation Controllers or related equipment that upgrades standard irrigation timers to smart timers (i.e. rain sensor, moisture sensors, weather stations, etc.)
6. Any project that is started before the water provider approval is not eligible for a rebate.
7. All applications for rebates must be submitted by applicants no later than January 1, 2026.
8. Rebate program is subject to available funding. Rebates will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis until funding is depleted. Submission of an application does not guarantee a rebate.
9. Applicant must be in "good" standing with their water provider. Applicant should contact their water provider if they are unsure of their current standing.
10. Water providers are entitled to fully review all reported labor and materials costs and reserve the right to deny reimbursement to any applicant for extraneous costs.