Water Conservation Turf Rebate Program
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Outline

- Why This Is Important
- Program Process and Procedure
- Helpful Resources
- Before & After Pictures
- Annual Data Analysis
- Current Events & Plans For Improvement
  2014/2015
Water is California's most precious natural resource. How we manage it today will affect nearly every aspect of our future.

- Finite Resource
- Environmental factors
- Personal cost
- Energy Consumption
- California is in a historic drought!
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Program Process and Procedure

The rebate program offers Solano County residential and commercial residents a cash rebate for replacing thirsty lawn with drip-irrigated, low-water-use plants or permeable hardscape.

CASH 4 GRASS
Even though we’re in a drought we can still make it rain...

Do your part to conserve water
- Limit outdoor watering to after dark
- Use an automatic shut-off nozzle on any hoses
- Make sure water isn’t running off your property
- Turn off non-recirculating fountains
- Get a free water audit to find any leaks
Contact your city officials for any emergency drought regulations!

We offer several rebates to help save water
- Residential turf replacement (1$/sq. ft up to 1000 sq. ft)
- Commercial turf replacement (1$/sq. ft up to 5000 sq. ft)
- Rebates available for high efficiency toilets & washers
- Rebates available for smart irrigation controllers

Call or visit our website for more info!
Turf replacement rebate is contingent upon project completion to our terms and conditions.

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Program Process and Procedure

1 Square Foot = $1.00
Residential/Commercial

1,000+ Square Feet = $1,000 Residential
5,000+ Square Feet = $5,000 Commercial

**STEPS TO PARTICIPATE**

- Call the interns to schedule a brief Pre-Inspection visit to discuss plans and have the lawn area measured and approved.
  - 707.455.1113
- Await receipt of Notice to Proceed via mail (Approval in writing!)
- Remove the lawn area and install a water-wise garden or permeable hardscape.
- Call the interns again for a Post-Inspection visit upon completion.
- Provide at Post-Inspection, or mail in, your final completed Rebate Application along with a list of plants and materials used in the conversion.
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Helpful Resources

Advertisement for our other rebate programs:

- High Efficiency Toilets
- High Efficiency Washers
- Water Surveys

Don’t Get Burned by Your First Water Bill

Check your Irrigation Settings
Check for Leaks

Call for a Residential Water Survey at 410-5469
DIY Sheet Mulching Guide

- A simple and cost effective way to convert your lawn, without the labor of ripping out the grass.
- Sheet mulching consists of a weed blocker, cardboard and newspaper, compost, and mulch on top.
- It kills the grass/weeds by blocking the light. Over time, the cardboard will decompose and enrich the soil.
- www.LoseYourLawn.org
DIY Drip Irrigation Conversion Guide

- A simple way to convert your lawn sprinklers into a drip irrigation system.
- www.LoseYourLawn.org
Nurseries Specializing in Native and Drought Tolerant Plants:

- Annie’s Annuals
- California Flora Nursery
- Hartland Nursery
- Morningsun Herb Farm
- Mostly Natives
- Native Here Nursery
- North Coast Natives
- Oaktown Nursery
- The Watershed Nursery
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Helpful Resources

Contractors and Designers

For a list of professionals, visit:
www.bayfriendlycoalition.org/QPdirectory.php
Garden Themed Pamphlets

A composition of various plant types that fit into the following themes:

- Butterfly Gardens
- Rock Gardens
- Succulent Gardens
- Mediterranean Gardens
- California Native Gardens
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Before & After Pictures

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Pre Inspections

Totals for Pre Inspections:
FY 13/14 had 132 Inspections
FY 14/15 has had 157 Inspections to Date

As of 03/05/2015
Water Conservation Turf Rebate Program Post Inspections

**Totals for Post Inspections:**
FY 13/14 had 145 Inspections
FY 14/15 has had 317 Inspections to Date

As of 03/05/2015
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**Post Inspection Rebate Totals**

**Totals for Rebates:**
- **FY 13/14** had **$108,043.63** distributed
- **FY 14/15** has had **$249,848.00** distributed

*Without Benicia fund*

*As of 03/05/2015*
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Pre Inspection Waitlist

Total Waitlisted: 116

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Current Events & Plans For Improvement 2014/2015

- July 1st, 2014 we launched the Water-Efficient Landscape Rebate Program for the fourth time.
- We introduced our commercial rebate program which offers $1 per square foot of grass up to $5,000/5,000sq. ft.!
- Website Overhaul
- Route Planning & Inspection Windows
- Use of Media
- Advertising
- Educational Workshops in the Fall
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For more information:

• Visit:
  ➢ www.SolanoSavesWater.org
  ➢ www.Solano.WaterSavingPlants.com

• Call us at:
  ➢ 707.455.1113

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Thank You!