

# Commercial Turf Replacement Rebate Program

The City of Corona Department of Water and Power (DWP) and Western Municipal Water District (WMWD) have joined together to provide commercial customers with a Commercial Turf Replacement Rebate Program. **The rebate amount is \$1 per square foot of turf removed while funding is available with a maximum of 25,000 square feet for the rebate. Businesses can remove more than 25,000 square feet but the rebate only applies to the first 25,000 square feet of turf removed.** As of 2014, synthetic turf qualifies for the program.

**All program activities are subject to certain requirements as described in the terms and conditions.**

Are you interested in participating in the DWP commercial turf replacement rebate program? Follow these steps to get your rebate:

1. **Read** all the **terms and conditions** of the program. Be sure to review all appropriate City guidelines; guidelines are available online at [www.CoronaDWP.org/com-rebates](http://www.CoronaDWP.org/com-rebates).
2. **Hire a landscape architect or licensed contractor** to design your landscape and create drawings for your plan submittal process. Ask your landscaper for ideas. Please also refer to our [Water-Friendly Plant Palettes](#) for a list of plants you can use for your project. The submittal and approval of landscape plans will be required to participate in this program.
3. **Complete and submit** Rebate Application Part 1, signed by the property owner, a copy of your recent water bill, photos of the project area, and your landscape and irrigation plan. Ask your landscaper for ideas. If your project goes through plan check, deposit and fees normally required for Plan Check Services will be waived for this program. Funding is limited and is available on a first come, first served basis. We encourage you to submit your application as soon as possible. **Do NOT start killing or removing turf until you receive confirmation from DWP. Projects that are in progress or have already been completed prior to receiving a rebate reservation number are not eligible to participate in this program.**
4. **We'll call you!** Once we receive your application and confirm the availability of funds, we'll call you to schedule an appointment for a pre-conversion site inspection. We'll confirm your eligibility for the program during the pre-conversion site inspection.
5. **Check** your mailbox or your email. We'll send you a rebate reservation number confirming the anticipated rebate amount, square footage of turf to be converted, plan submittal process, and project's expiration date.
6. **Transform** your water-loving grass into a beautiful water-friendly landscape once your landscape plans have been approved. **Don't forget to contact DigAlert! at 811 to get clearance for your project before you start.**
7. **Finish** your project within 120 days (4 months) from the date on your Rebate Reservation letter.
8. **Complete and submit** Rebate Application Part 2 and invoices to the DWP Water Resources Team indicating the completion of your project. In this notification, please request a post-conversion site inspection, itemize all rebate costs, and attach all receipts and pictures of the project.
9. **We'll call you!** Once we receive your Rebate Application Part 2, we'll call you to schedule an appointment for a post-conversion site inspection. We'll measure the area you converted and confirm your plantings and irrigation system.
10. **Check** your mailbox for your rebate check!

**City of Corona Department of Water & Power**

[StopTheDrop@discovercorona.com](mailto:StopTheDrop@discovercorona.com)

[www.CoronaDWP.org/com-rebates](http://www.CoronaDWP.org/com-rebates)



# Terms and Conditions

## Eligibility

- Rebates are only available for commercial properties that have received an approved rebate reservation letter. **Projects that were completed prior to rebate reservation approval are not eligible.**
- This program will not apply retroactively. Pre-existing projects of turf removal, which were initiated and/or completed prior to being approved by the DWP as required herein, will not be eligible for participation in this program.
- Applicants must be the property owner and a business customer of the DWP in good standing for at least 12 months prior to the date of the application. To be in good standing, an applicant must not have been late, or otherwise delinquent, in regard to water service accounts, and must not be in violation of any ordinances or regulations adopted or enforced by the City of Corona.
- All sites must be inspected and approved by the DWP to determine eligibility and site-specific requirements **prior to** the removal of any lawn or landscape conversion. All sites must then be inspected and approved by the DWP following the completion of grass removal/landscape conversion in order to receive the rebate payment.
- Areas to be converted must have living grass, regularly mowed, irrigated and properly maintained prior to the pre-conversion site inspection by the DWP.
- Please contact the Water Resources Team at (951) 736-2234 with any questions.

## Minimum Requirements

- All conversions must comply with all applicable laws, codes, covenants, conditions, and restrictions.
- The converted area must contain enough plants to create **at least 50%** living plant cover when plants are fully grown. Trees do not count toward coverage. **This rebate does not apply to conversions that use only mulch or rock.** Synthetic turf is now eligible. Synthetic turf must cover the entire 100% of the project area that will be eligible for the rebate.
- All project activities must adhere to the City of Corona **Landscape Design Guidelines for Commercial and Industrial Developments**. This information can be obtained by contacting the Community Development Department, Planning Division, at **(951) 736-2262** or by visiting the department website at [www.discovercorona.com](http://www.discovercorona.com). Please also refer to our Water-Friendly Plant Palettes for a list of plants that can be used for the project. This information can be obtained by contacting the DWP's Water Resources Team at **(951) 736-2234** or by visiting [www.CoronaDWP.org](http://www.CoronaDWP.org).
- Once you start your project, all grass in the approved project area must be thoroughly removed. Grass must be sterilized to ensure that it will not grow back. For more information, please see the pamphlet "How to Kill Your Grass" available online at [www.CoronaDWP.com/com-rebates](http://www.CoronaDWP.com/com-rebates).
- The participant must notify the DWP in writing if he/she chooses to remove less grass than stated on the approved application or otherwise fails to complete all of the requirements of the program.
- Existing irrigation systems within the project area must be converted to drip systems. A "smart" irrigation controller must also be installed. The controller may qualify for an additional separate rebate through the DWP's water saving devices rebate program. Please visit [www.CoronaDWP.com/com-rebates](http://www.CoronaDWP.com/com-rebates) for more information.
- All exposed soil must be covered with a 3" layer of mulch.
- The rebate does not cover impermeable surfaces. Project areas must be permeable to air and water. Weed barriers must be permeable. **Concrete, plastic sheeting or other impermeable surfaces do not qualify.**
- Plants used for the conversion must be from the City of Corona's Water-Friendly Plant Palettes, available online at <http://www.CoronaDWP.org/conservation/plant-palettes.shtml>.
- DO NOT remove or in any way damage existing City Street trees.

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## Program Terms

- Only one rebate per project per address will be issued. Please apply for the maximum area you plan to convert while the rebate reservation is valid for 120 days (4 months).
- **The DWP will pay a rebate of \$1.00 per square foot for the conversion of turf to water-friendly landscape, up to 25,000 square feet.**
- Concrete or impermeable surfaces are not allowed in the parkways (area between the curd and the sidewalk, if applicable).
- The maximum rebate amount is based on how much funding is available. Please itemize all costs in the Rebate Application Part 2 form.
- The project must be completed within 120 days (4 months) from the date the application is approved. In the event the participant believes he/she will not be able to complete the project within this time period, an extension may be requested. The terms and condition of any extension must be submitted in writing to the DWP at least 10 days prior to expiration of the original 120-day period, explaining why the project has not been completed and providing an estimated completion date.
- Once the project is completed, the participant must complete and send the Rebate Application Part 2 form to the DWP in order to schedule a post-conversion visit. Customers will only be eligible for a rebate payout upon submission of clearly documented project costs. **Photocopies of receipts and/or invoices are acceptable.**
- The project area will be inspected upon receiving the completed Rebate Application Part 2 form from the participant, indicating that the project has been completed. The completed project area must remain in compliance with all program conditions for a period of at least 5 years from the date of project approval, and must be properly maintained during that time. The project area may be inspected periodically to ensure that the project area is in compliance with all program terms and is being maintained properly. If this requirement is violated, you may be required to refund all or a portion of the rebate, which may be recovered by the DWP through the addition of a surcharge on your water bill over whatever period of time is deemed appropriate by the DWP. The requirement to refund some or all of a previously granted rebate will cease upon transfer of ownership to an unrelated party.
- The Commercial Turf Replacement Rebate Program, and terms and conditions set forth herein, are subject to change without notice. The rebate is on a first-come, first-serve basis subject to program funding availability, budgetary constraints, and the limited duration of this program.
- The rebate will be paid by check within 90 days after the final inspection by the DWP.
- All conversions must comply with all applicable laws, codes, covenants, conditions, and restrictions.

# Resources

## Plant Nurseries

The following businesses in Corona carry plants that are approved for program. Talk to their plant experts for more information.

### Home Depot

490 N. McKinley, Corona, CA 92879  
(951) 278-9600  
[www.homedepot.com](http://www.homedepot.com)

### Home Depot

1355 E. Ontario Avenue, Corona, CA 92881  
(951) 808-0327  
[www.homedepot.com](http://www.homedepot.com)

### Lowe's

1285 Magnolia Avenue, Corona, CA 92879  
(951) 256-9004  
[www.lowes.com](http://www.lowes.com)

### 7 Oaks Nursery

21501 Temescal Canyon Road, Corona, CA 92883  
(951) 277-2927  
[www.7oaksnursery.com](http://www.7oaksnursery.com)

### Quality Growers

19970 Grant Street, Corona, CA 92881  
(951) 371-7193  
[www.qualitygrowersnursery.com](http://www.qualitygrowersnursery.com)

### Sunshine Growers

1508 Taber Street, Corona, CA 92881  
(951) 736-6000  
[www.sunshinegrowersnursery.com](http://www.sunshinegrowersnursery.com)

## Irrigation Supply Stores

The following companies provide discounts to the DWP customers. Take your utility bill to one of the following vendors to receive the appropriate discount.

### Ewing

3940 N. McKinley Street  
Corona, CA 92879  
(951) 372-9530  
[www.ewing1.com](http://www.ewing1.com)

### Hendrickson Brothers

2931 Rimpau Avenue  
Corona, CA 92881  
(951) 737-6840  
[www.hendricksonbros.com](http://www.hendricksonbros.com)

### Hydroscape

360 E. Harrison Street  
Corona, CA 92879  
(951) 734-3330  
[www.hydroscape.com](http://www.hydroscape.com)

### Lowe's

1285 Magnolia Avenue  
Corona, CA 92879  
(951) 256-9004  
[www.lowes.com](http://www.lowes.com)

## Gardens

For examples and ideas please visit any of the following local demonstration gardens.

### City of Corona Demonstration Garden

400 S. Vicentia Avenue  
Corona, CA 92882  
*Always open*  
[www.CoronaDWP.org](http://www.CoronaDWP.org)

### Landscapes Southern California Style

*Western Municipal Water District*  
450 E. Alessandro Boulevard  
Riverside, CA 92508  
*Open daily, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm*  
[www.wmwd.com](http://www.wmwd.com)

### Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden

1500 N. College Avenue  
Claremont, CA 91711  
*Open daily, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm*  
[www.rsabg.org](http://www.rsabg.org)

### Chino Basin Water Conservation District

4594 San Bernardino Street  
Montclair, CA 91763  
*Open daily, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm*  
[www.cbwcd.org](http://www.cbwcd.org)

### Maloof Foundation Garden

5131 Carnelian Street  
Alta Loma, CA 91701  
*Open Thursdays and Saturdays, Noon to 4 pm*  
[www.malooffoundation.org](http://www.malooffoundation.org)



# Resources

## Soils Testing Laboratories

There are several local soils testing labs that provide low-cost soils testing to determine the nutrient and contaminant content and soil treatment recommendations.

### **ABC Environmental Laboratories**

1640 South Grove Avenue

Ontario, CA 91761

(909) 923-8628

[www.abcenvironmentallabs.com](http://www.abcenvironmentallabs.com)

### **Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District**

4500 Glenwood Drive, Building A

Riverside, CA, 92501

(951) 683-7691

[www.rcrcd.com](http://www.rcrcd.com)

### **A & R Laboratories**

1401 Research Park Drive

Riverside, CA 92507

(951) 779-0310

[www.arlaboratories.com](http://www.arlaboratories.com)

## Other Soils Resources

### **California Soil Resources Lab—SoilWeb**

California Soil Research Lab at UC Davis

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

[www.casoilresource.lawr.ucdavis.edu](http://www.casoilresource.lawr.ucdavis.edu)

# Application Part 1—Reservation Request

To request a rebate reservation, submit the following:

- Original completed, signed Application Part 1 signed by the property owner or management company (pages 6—8). Management companies must be the contact for HOA applications.
- Copy of your recent water bill
- 5 or more current color photos of each area where you plan to remove turf (please email photos and application to [StopTheDrop@discovercorona.com](mailto:StopTheDrop@discovercorona.com) with your name, address, location, and date picture was taken) or submit with application.

## Applicant Information

Property Owner:	Contact Person/Management Company:		
Daytime Phone Number:	Email:		
Mailing Address (where check will be sent):	City:	State:	Zip:

## Project Information

Property Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Account Number (include copy of recent water bill):	Meter Number:	Total Lot Size:	

Identify area(s) where turf will be removed and estimated square footage (provide 2 or more photos of each area):

<input type="radio"/> North Area _____ Sq. feet of turf to be removed	<input type="radio"/> South Area _____ Sq. feet of turf to be removed
<input type="radio"/> East Area _____ Sq. feet of turf to be removed	<input type="radio"/> West Area _____ Sq. feet of turf to be removed
<input type="radio"/> TOTAL SQ. FEET: _____ Sq. feet of turf to be removed	

Do you plan to get a soil analysis?

Yes                       No                       Maybe

How is the area irrigated now?

Automatic Sprinklers     Manual Sprinklers     Hand Water     Other \_\_\_\_\_

What type of controller do you use?

Automatic controller     Smart controller     None                       Other \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe your plan for the converted area (plants to be used, irrigation changes, etc.) - use additional sheets if necessary:

# Estimated Coverage Calculation Worksheet

Use this worksheet to ensure your project meets the coverage requirements. Use additional sheets as necessary. The converted area must contain enough plants to create **at least 50%** living plant cover when plants are fully grown; trees, hardscapes, and mulch do not count toward coverage. Synthetic turf is eligible for the rebate, however 100% coverage is required. Values for mature coverage are available on our Water-Friendly Landscaping webpage at [www.CoronaDWP.org/conservation](http://www.CoronaDWP.org/conservation). If you need assistance with coverage calculations or need additional information, please call (951) 736-2234.

Estimated total square feet to be removed (A)	Required Coverage Waterwise Plants (A x 50%) or Synthetic Turf (A x 100%)

Plant Name (B)	Number of plants to be used (C)	Mature Coverage (per plant) (D)	Total Coverage (C x D)

**Grand Total:**

Does estimated Grand Total exceed estimated required coverage?  
If not, please select additional plants to achieve coverage.

Yes

## Sample Calculation

Estimated total square feet to be removed (A)	Required Coverage (A x 50%)
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6,000 square feet

6,000 x 50% = 3,000 square feet

Plant Name (B)	Number of plants to be used (C)	Mature Coverage (per plant) (D)	Total Coverage (C x D)
Bearberry Cotoneaster	80	29 sq ft	80 x 29 = 2,320 sq ft
Wolly Grevillia	50	16 sq ft	50 x 16 = 800 sq ft

**Grand Total:** **3,120 sq ft**

Does estimated Grand Total exceed estimated required coverage?

Yes  No

# Application Part 1—Reservation Request

## Disclaimer

The City of Corona Department of Water and Power (DWP) makes no representation or warranty relating to contracted services or products that may be installed in converted areas, including any hazardous substances that may be contained in any product. Removal of turf and installation of water efficient devices will help reduce water use, but does not guarantee that less water will be used. Water use depends on many factors, including plant types, proper sprinkler settings, and personal water use habits. This application is for a rebate only.

By participating in the program, you waive and release the DWP, and its employees, from any and all claims and causes of action arising out of the removal of turf and/or the purchase, installation or use of devices in connection with this Commercial Turf Replacement Rebate Program. Any claim applicant may have based upon any defect or failure of performance of a contracted service or device purchased by you should be pursued with the contractor or manufacturer/distributor.

The DWP only enforces the terms and conditions of the Commercial Turf Replacement Rebate Program. The applicant is responsible for complying with all applicable laws, codes, policies, covenants, conditions, and restrictions that may apply. Quality and appearance of the converted area is the responsibility of the applicant, but may be reviewed periodically by the DWP to ensure program compliance. Failure to maintain the property in program compliance may result in the participant being required to refund all or a portion of the rebate. By signing below, the applicant consents to the recovery by the DWP of all or a portion of a previously granted rebate for a property that is not maintained in compliance with the program, through the addition of a surcharge on the applicant's water bill over whatever period of time is deemed appropriate by the DWP.

## Right of Entry

By signing below, the applicant represents that he or she is the owner of the real property for which a rebate is requested ("Property"), and that he or she has the right to authorize the DWP and its employees to enter onto the Property. The applicant: (i) authorizes the DWP and its employees to enter upon any portion of the Property for which a rebate is requested as described in this application, at any time without further notice to the applicant or any occupant of the Property, for the purpose of verifying the conversion of the Property's landscaping described in this application; (ii) and verifying the ongoing maintenance of the converted area.

## Right to Use Photographs and Consumption Information

By signing below, the applicant grants to the DWP and its employees a license to publish, advertise, and otherwise use any photographs submitted by the applicant. The applicant understands and acknowledges that the DWP may include such photographs in brochures, websites, and other materials advertising the turf removal program without compensation to the applicant. The applicant further grants to the DWP the right to share the applicant's water consumption data with any public agency that has or does provide funding or furnish water to the DWP, and acknowledges that such data may be used by such agencies for various purposes.

## Signature (required)

By signing below, the applicant agrees to comply with the program terms and conditions, as well as all Federal, State and local codes, including covenants, conditions and restrictions, as applicable. The applicant has read, understands and agrees to the terms and conditions of the program as outlined and certifies that the information on the application is complete and accurate.

Property Owner Signature:		Print Name:	
Make Check Payable to: <input type="radio"/> Applicant <input type="radio"/> Contractor		Date:	
Contractor Company Name:		Contractor Contact Name:	
Contractor Phone Number:		Contractor Email Address:	
Contractor Mailing Address:		City:	State:      Zip Code:

Submit completed Application Part 1 with labeled photos to:

**DWP – Water Resources Team**  
**755 Public Safety Way, Corona, CA 92880**

or by e-mail to [StopTheDrop@discovercorona.com](mailto:StopTheDrop@discovercorona.com)