

Turf Removal Rebate



Save water, money and time by upgrading to a high desert landscape.

Must be a City of Bend water customer to participate.

The City of Bend is offering a Turf Removal Rebate to convert thirsty lawns into a low-water use landscape which provides a colorful, biodiverse and waterwise alternative to traditional lawns. These alternatives can also lower your utility bills and reduce maintenance requirements.

**\$3 sq/ft
up to \$3,000
maximum**

BYE LAWN... HIGH DESERT!

Turf Removal Rebate Frequently Asked Questions

How much water can I save?

- Water savings will vary based on prior water use, but savings average 23% for a typical converted area based on past projects. Reducing the plant water need and increasing irrigation efficiency can yield substantial savings.

Who is eligible?

- City of Bend residential customers, with an active water account, are eligible for the turf removal rebate. Customers with a sewer only account are not eligible.
- Customers must also have a healthy, currently irrigated turf area to qualify; non-living, unmaintained, or previously removed turf is not eligible.

What are lawn replacement requirements?

- Existing lawns will need to be replaced with low-water use plantings with 50% coverage at maturity which is about 10 plants per 100 sq/ft.
- Additionally, the existing sprinkler system will need to be upgraded to support new plantings with efficient irrigation such as drip or high-efficiency nozzles.
- Review the program terms and conditions for the full list of requirements and available resources at www.waterwisetips.org.

How do I participate?

This program is offered from April 1st - October 31st:

- A completed application must be submitted prior to starting work on your project; the application package is available online at www.waterwisetips.org.
- Once your application package is received, a pre-construction consultation is scheduled. During the consultation you'll receive helpful information to guide your project, and notice to proceed with construction.
- Once notified, complete your project within 90 days and before the end of irrigation season, October 31st.
- A follow-up evaluation is scheduled to verify the project meets program requirements and give final approval to receive your rebate.

How will I receive my rebate?

- Participants with a completed project that has received final approval will be mailed a check within 60 days of approval.

- 541-317-3000, ext. 2
- conservation@bendoregon.gov
- WaterWiseTips.org



Accommodation Information for People with Disabilities

To obtain this information in an alternate format such as Braille, large print, electronic formats, etc. please contact Utility Staff at conservation@bendoregon.gov, 541-317-3000, ext. 2; Relay Users Dial 7-1-1.