



WATER WISE LANDSCAPE INCENTIVE PROGRAM
(Revised 11/12/2020)

PURPOSE: The Water Wise Landscape Incentive Program is designed to promote water conservation through “best practices” in landscaping by encouraging:

- 1) the installation of micro-irrigation (also called drip or low-volume irrigation) systems to existing lawns and/or shrubs and flowerbeds including systems which detect rainfall and employ water delay features; and/or
- 2) the installation (or conversion) of grass areas to xeriscape landscaping consisting of native/adapted plants and non-living, pervious xeriscape surfaces, including synthetic turf.

Property owners can experience major water savings while achieving an attractive landscape. Other benefits include healthier lawns, shrubs and plants, less maintenance and significantly less water consumption.



REBATE \$\$:

The City of Andrews will rebate existing residential and commercial water customers 50% of costs expended on Water Wise landscape materials. A minimum of 500 square feet is required or 50% of the applicable yard area (i.e., front or back) if the total area is less than 1,000 square feet. The front yard and/or side yard areas are to be measured from the backside of the curb to the fascia of the house. The back yard is to be measured from the back property line to the fascia of the house.

The maximum amount of reimbursement is \$3,000 per water customer. The monies are available on a cost-reimbursement basis; no funds will be paid "up front" or advanced prior to completion of the landscape installation/ construction. Projects must be completed within 90 days of approval.

FUNDING IS LIMITED. Funds are appropriated by the City Council on an annual basis. Funds for the Water Wise Landscape Incentive Program are available, until exhausted, on a first-come, first-served basis.

APPLICATION FOR FUNDING: Applications for the Water Wise Landscape Incentive Program are available in the City Manager's Office so long as funds remain available. The application will be submitted to the Director of Community Services or his designee for review and approval. An applicant may appeal a determination of eligible or ineligible improvements and the amount of the incentive to the City Manager.

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As an incentive to residential home builders and developers, the City of Andrews will reimburse the water tap fee for builders/developers installing micro-irrigation systems

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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NOTE: Approval for Water Wise Landscape Incentive monies must be given prior to any work being performed.

Reimbursable improvements are limited to:

- Installation of (or conversion to) a low-application rate, micro-irrigation system in existing grass areas and shrub and flower beds, including systems which reduce overwatering by automatically adjusting watering times based on rainfall or soil moisture.
- Installation of (or conversion to) a xeriscape landscape consisting of:
 - Native or adapted plants with very low to moderate water requirements
 - Non-living, pervious landscape surfaces which help reduce storm water runoff
 - Synthetic turf
- Material & material delivery costs only. Labor and consulting fees do not qualify for the reimbursement.

Ineligible Improvements (DO NOT qualify for reimbursement):

- Projects started or completed prior to an on-site inspection and written approval by the City of Andrews.
- Concrete parkways and sidewalks
- High water use and invasive plants
- Vegetable gardens in lieu of grass lawns or shrubs/flowerbeds
- Lighting
- Retaining walls
- Fencing

The City of Andrews reserves the right to approve or disapprove of improvements eligible for reimbursement at its sole discretion, based upon the intent of the Water Wise Landscape Incentive Program.

All improvements must be made in conformance with all applicable building codes, laws and zoning requirements. When work is complete, the homeowner shall schedule a post-installation inspection and submit copies of all relevant receipts. Reimbursement will be made within 30 days.

Improvements which are located on properties with outstanding property taxes or City-related liens are not eligible for incentive funding.



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APPLICATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

- INSTALLATION OF / OR CONVERSION TO A LOW-APPLICATION RATE, MICRO-IRRIGATION SYSTEM IN EXISTING GRASS AREAS, SHRUBS AND FLOWERBEDS, INCLUDING SYSTEMS WHICH AUTOMATICALLY ADJUST WATER TIMES BASED ON RAINFALL OR SOIL MOISTURE

- INSTALLATION OF / OR CONVERSION TO XERISCAPE LANDSCAPING WITH NATIVE/ADAPTED PLANTS AND NON-LIVING, PERVIOUS XERISCAPE SURFACES TO WHAT WOULD NORMALLY BE CONSIDERED GRASS AREAS

- INSTALLATION OF SYNTHETIC TURF

PLEASE GIVE A DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF WORK: _____

Please provide pictures and drawing(s) of the layout of the proposed project.

I understand this program is on a cost-reimbursement basis. All eligible receipts for materials purchased must be presented upon completion of the project. Funds are limited and will be handled on a first-come, first-serve basis until funds are exhausted.

Project must be completed within 90 days from approval.

Signature

Date

PRE-APPROVAL FOR WATERWISE LANDSCAPE INCENTIVE PROJECTS MUST BE GIVEN PRIOR TO ANY WORK BEING PERFORMED.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Date Application Received: _____	
By: _____	
● PROJECT MEETS PURPOSE OF PROGRAM? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
● SCOPE OF PROJECT?	SQUARE FEET
Approved: _____	Date: _____

Native / Adaptive plants for west Texas

The below list is not been to be an all-inclusive list but provides examples of drought-tolerant plants that are native or adapted to west Texas.

Shrubs

- Pride of Barbados
- Beautyberry
- Caryopteris
- Damianita
- Winter Jasmine
- Texas Sage
- Nandina
- Pomegranate
- Pyracantha
- Mountain Laurel
- Coralberry
- Green Santolina

Desert Plants

- Succulents (agave, yucca, sotol)
- Ocotillo
- Nolina

Ground Cover

- Lantana
- Iceplant
- Vinca
- Primrose
- Winecup
- Sundrops
- Plumbago
- Winter Creeper
- Catmint

Grasses

- Mexican feathergrass
- Sideoats grama
- Miscanthus
- Lindheimer Muhly
- Pennisetum grass
- Little Bluestem
- Stipa
- Bamboo Muhly

Trees

Shade

- Live Oak
- Texas Red Oak
- Cedar Elm
- Chinese Pistache
- Soapberry
- Bigtooth Maple
- Sugar Hackberry
- Bur Oak
- Chinkapin Oak
- American Elm
- Lacebark Elm

Ornamental

- Chitalpa
- Mexican Redbud
- Desert Willow
- Texas Hawthorne
- Golden Raintree
- Mexican Persimmon
- Pinyon
- Mesquite
- Vitex
- Arizona Cypress
- Texas Redbud
- Arizona Cypress

Unacceptable (water guzzlers)

- Silver Maple
- Pecan
- Catalpa
- Arizona Ash
- Magnolia
- Mulberry
- Sycamore
- Cottonwood
- Weeping Willow
- Globe Willow
- Salt Cedar