

Desert Water Agency Turf Buy Back Grants 2016-2017 Program Year

Terms, Conditions & Eligibility

- 1) Applying for a turf buy back grant does not entitle you to rebate funds.
- 2) This program is not retroactive. Areas previously converted are NOT eligible for rebate funds.
- 3) Grass must be in place (dead or alive) for an area to be eligible for rebate funds.
- 4) Back and private side yards are not eligible. Yards with gates, walls, hedges or fences between the project area and street will not be considered.
- 5) The project must be within Desert Water Agency (DWA) service area.
- 6) The water account linked to the project area must be in good standing at the time the application is reviewed.
- 7) A W-9 or equivalent tax form must be submitted. DWA will use this information to send participants 1099 forms that count the rebate as income, as required by the IRS.
- 8) Rebate checks will be made payable to the entity/person named in the W-9.
- 9) Projects with incomplete applications, or those with incorrect information, are subject to rejection.
- 10) DWA has the right to reduce the rebate amount based on its square footage measurements.
- 11) All projects are subject to the maximum rebate caps (\$1,500 for single-family homes and \$20,000 for large-scale projects).
- 12) Each property (whether large-scale or single-family home) is only eligible for one project.
- 13) DWA reserves the right to reject any portion of a submitted project.
- 14) DWA may update the scoring and/or selection criteria at any time, without prior notice.
- 15) DWA may update rebate conditions at any time, without prior notice.
- 16) Applicants should not start work on the project until they have received notification from DWA that their project was approved.
- 17) Projects must be completed within the timeline set by DWA (90 days for single-family home projects; 180 days for large-scale projects).
- 18) Extensions for project completion are at the sole discretion of DWA and are not guaranteed.
- 19) Customer agrees to follow all irrigation and landscaping requirements stated in Turf Buy Back Grants brochure.
- 20) Customer agrees to allow DWA on customer's property for an inspection.
- 21) Customer agrees to retain receipts and provide them to DWA upon request.
- 22) DWA typically will send the rebate check upon completion, approximately 60 days after approval of the project. DWA cannot accommodate requests for checks to be expedited and the 60-day period is only an estimate.
- 23) Customer agrees to allow DWA to photograph customer's property and use said photographs in any printed materials.
- 24) Upon project completion, customer agrees to complete the plant coverage worksheet and fill out the project complete checklist online.
- 25) If a customer fails an inspection, DWA will charge a re-inspection fee and withhold the rebate until all requirements are satisfied.
- 26) Customer agrees to keep receipts in customer's possession for two years, for review by DWA upon request.
- 27) Customer agrees not to convert areas rebated back to grass or any type of landscaping that requires spray sprinkler heads. If the customer does so, customer agrees to reimburse the full amount of the rebate to DWA.
- 28) DWA may withhold rebates for customers that submitted inaccurate or incorrect information at any stage in the application or completion process.
- 29) Acceptance of rebate funds shall constitute agreement with all of the terms, conditions and requirements set forth herein.