

## Landscape Incentive Program Description

### ET Controller Rebate

The District will provide up to \$150.00 rebate for the replacement of any existing standard irrigation controller with a District-approved soil moisture or ET-based irrigation controller that adjusts automatic scheduling parameters at least daily and controls up to six stations. An additional rebate amount of \$20.00 per station will be provided for each additional operational station beyond the initial six stations already included, up to a maximum total rebate of \$750.00 per irrigation controller including the initial \$150 rebate. For example a District-approved controller with seven stations would be entitled to a rebate of \$170.00. The maximum rebate amount for each site is \$1,500.00. The rebate applies only to the cost of materials. ~~The budgeted amount for this part of the program is \$5,250.00, seven maximum rebates.~~

The following steps must be completed by the property owner to receive a rebate check.

1. Prior to installation of the controller:
  - a. The Applicant shall schedule Landscape Site Survey with District staff.
    - (1) The Applicant describes the proposed controller replacement to staff.
    - (2) Staff verifies the existing system condition, components, and current water use. To assure efficient operation of the new system, staff recommended adjustments and repairs to the existing system must be completed by Applicant prior to initial project approval by the District.
  - b. The Applicant must complete and sign a Landscape Retrofit Rebate Application Form.
    - (1) This application form identifies the Applicant and describes the proposed project.
    - (2) Initial District approval for the allocation of funds to support the project is recorded on this application.
  - c. District approval of the proposed project must be granted. The application form is signed by the District Representative.
2. Once the District-approved project is completed by the Applicant:
  - a. On-site verification.
    - (1) The Applicant shall schedule a follow-up site survey with District staff.
    - (2) Staff verifies controller service activation, if required.
    - (3) Staff verifies installation, operation, assists in irrigation scheduling if needed, and records water use.
  - b. Completion of approval process.
    - (1) The original purchase receipt is given to District staff for office procedures. Receipts older than one year are not eligible.
    - (2) District staff signs the application verifying project completion and then the rebate request is forwarded for payment.
    - (3) The application form and supporting documentation is filed.

### **Soil Moisture or Rain Shut-off Switch Rebate**

The District will rebate up to \$50.00 per device installed. ~~The budgeted amount for this part of the program is \$1,000.00, twenty rebates.~~ The quantity of rebates provided is dependent on available funds.

The following steps must be completed by the property owner to receive a rebate check.

1. After purchase and installation of the rain shut-off switch:
  - a. On-site verification of operation is required.
    - (1) The Applicant shall schedule a site survey with the District staff.
    - (2) The District staff verifies installation, operation, performs a site survey and assists in irrigation scheduling.
  - b. Completion of approval process.
    - (1) The original purchase receipt is given to staff for office procedures. Receipts older than one year are not eligible.
    - (2) The Applicant submits a completed Landscape Retrofit Rebate Application Form. District staff signs the application verifying project completion and the rebate request is forwarded to accounting for payment.
    - (3) The application form and supporting documentation is filed.

### **Lawn and Sprinkler Replacement Incentive**

The replacement of natural, irrigated lawn with low water use ~~plantings-features (plant and permeable non-plant material)~~ and the conversion of associated sprinkler irrigation to drip or soaker hose type irrigation would be eligible for an incentive of \$0.50 per square foot of irrigated lawn area converted. The replacement of irrigated lawn with artificial turf and the removal of the associated sprinkler irrigation system would also be eligible for the \$0.50 per square foot incentive. Sprinkler irrigation conversions to drip or soaker hose type irrigation alone without the removal of lawn would be eligible for a \$0.25 incentive for each square foot of irrigated landscape area converted. Incentives ~~are~~ not to exceed a rebate amount of \$2,000.00 per site. ~~The budgeted amount for this program is \$12,500.00, six maximum rebates.~~

The following steps must be completed by the property owner to receive an incentive check.

1. Prior to lawn removal and/or sprinkler conversion:
  - a. A District-performed Landscape Site Survey and project approval is required.
    - (1) The Applicant shall schedule a site survey with District staff. The applicant describes the proposed conversion to staff.
    - (2) Staff verifies the existing system condition, lawn area, and water use.
    - (3) Staff approves the proposed project.
  - b. The Applicant must complete and submit a Landscape Retrofit Application Form.
    - (1) The application identifies the applicant and describes the proposed project.

(2) Initial District approval for the allocation of funds to support the project is recorded on this application.

2. Once the project is completed:

a. On-site verification of project completion is required.

(1) Applicants schedule a follow-up Landscape Site Survey with District staff.

(2) The District staff verifies that the installation has been completed as proposed, assists in irrigation scheduling, and records water use.

(3) The District staff signs the application form verifying project completion and the rebate request is forwarded to accounting for payment.

(4) The application form and supporting documentation is filed.