



# Cash For Grass

## Turf Replacement Rebate Program

### Convert to a Water-Efficient Landscape!

The Town of Yountville offers cash rebates to water customers who replace thirsty turfgrass with drip-irrigated low-water-use plants, permeable hardscape, or polyethylene/nylon artificial turf products. Funding is limited and applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Program is currently budgeted through June 2015, but the Town reserves the right to terminate this program at any time, for any reason.

### Rebate Offer

**\$1.00 per square foot** of turf removed, with per site maximum of:

**\$750** for Single-Family Residential (equivalent to 750 sq. ft.)

**\$2,500** for Commercial/Multi-Family (equivalent to 2,500 sq. ft.)

*Customers may of course remove more turf area than is covered by the rebate program, but the per site maximum \$ will still apply.*

Customers must consent to **brief Pre- and Post-Inspection site visits** by the Water Conservation Representative in order to apply and qualify for the Cash For Grass rebate.

At the **Pre-Inspection**, the Water Conservation Representative will measure the proposed conversion area and verify that the site meets the program's terms and conditions. If approved, the Town will mail a **Notice to Proceed** letter to the customer.

Lawn conversions **must be completed within four (4) months** of the Notice to Proceed. To ensure water savings are achieved, the converted area must remain in compliance with program terms and conditions for a **period of five (5) years** following receipt of the rebate. An applicant may be charged part or all of the rebate amount at the Town's discretion if the terms or conditions have been violated. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this requirement is void upon transfer of ownership.

Following the **Post-Inspection** visit and **Final Approval**, the Town will issue rebate check to the eligible applicant within **four (4) weeks**.

### Terms and Conditions

- Program is open to properties served by a **Town of Yountville water account**. Applicant's account must be in good standing.
- Lawn areas to be converted must be historically maintained in healthy condition, and be irrigated by a sprinkler system in working condition. *Long-dead lawns or lawns already removed at the time of pre-inspection are not eligible for rebate.*
- **Landscaping Requirements for Converted Area:**
  - Plants** - must be drought tolerant and adapted to our climate. Helpful resources for water-wise plant selection are available at [www.townofyountville.com](http://www.townofyountville.com). All planting areas must have a minimum of three (3) inches of mulch.
  - Hardscape** - must be permeable (e.g., decomposed granite). Impermeable surfaces such as concrete are not allowed as part of the conversion area.
  - Artificial Grass** - must be installed by a licensed contractor in accordance with manufacturer's specifications. Installation must be permeable to water and air. Only polyethylene/nylon artificial turf products are eligible for rebate. Patio carpet and other "Astroturf" type products are not eligible.
- **Irrigation system** for the converted area, if used, must be **low-volume drip**. The system must be in good working order, free of leaks and malfunctions. If only part of a lawn is converted, new planting area must be irrigated on a separate valve from the remaining lawn. Sprinkler system for the remaining lawn must be modified to avoid spray onto the converted area.
- **Tenants/Renters:** If applicant is not the property owner, written consent from the property owner must be provided to the Water Conservation Representative at the Pre-Inspection visit.
- At Post-Inspection, applicant must provide a **list** of plants, hardscape, and artificial turf materials used in the conversion (may be handwritten), along with **receipts for costs incurred**. If conversion fails inspection, applicant will be given thirty (30) days to bring project into compliance.
- Offer is limited to **one** Cash For Grass rebate per account.

### Steps to Participate

1. Call the Town of Yountville at (707) 944-8851 to verify that your site's water account is eligible; await follow-up contact from the Water Conservation Representative to schedule a brief Pre-Inspection visit to have the lawn area measured.
2. Following Pre-Inspection, await receipt of Notice to Proceed letter and pre-approved Application from the Town. *Do not remove lawn until you receive these documents in the mail.*
3. Remove the lawn area and install your project according to the program Terms and Conditions. *Find helpful resources in the Water Conservation section at [www.townofyountville.com](http://www.townofyountville.com).*
4. Call the Water Conservation Representative at (707) 257-9497 to schedule a Post-Inspection visit. *Post-Inspection must take place within four (4) months of the Notice to Proceed.*
5. Provide at Post-Inspection your final completed Application, a list of plants and materials used in the conversion, and receipts for costs incurred. *Rebate check will be issued within four (4) weeks.*