

WaterSense®-labeled irrigation controller rebate

Rebate amount: cost of controller (up to \$125), excluding installation/labor, shipping, tax, etc.

Important program dates:

- Program start date: July 1, 2021
- Purchase & application deadline: May 2, 2022

Eligibility requirements:

- Applicant must be the current property owner to apply for and receive rebate
 - Property must receive water services from the City of Surprise (EPCOR Water customers are ineligible)
 - Residential customers: limited to one controller per property
 - Homeowner Associations (HOAs), schools, multifamily, and commercial properties:
 - Must contact the Water Conservation Office at conservewater@surpriseaz.gov for pre-eligibility approval
 - Limited to the number of devices installed on the property, up to 10 devices
 - Rebates are for purchase of one of the following:
 - WaterSense®-labeled smart irrigation controller or add-on module to an existing qualifying controller (verify on the EPA WaterSense [website](#)) and utilize **one** of the following:
 1. Historical evapotranspiration (ET) information programmed into the controller and accompanied with an active rain shut-off and temperature sensor
 2. On-site weather station connected directly to the controller
 3. Capable of receiving evapotranspiration (ET) data from regional weather stations through satellite feeds
 - Receipt (proof of payment, not an invoice with a “balance due”) must include:
 - Purchase date must be from July 1, 2021 through May 2, 2022
 - Itemized list of device(s) including:
 - make and model number
- OR**
- SKU (found on the bar code on product packaging)
 - Cost of each device minus any labor, parts, shipping, tax, etc.
- Applications missing required information or documentation (including required receipt) are ineligible

Applicant steps:

- Read program requirements
- Purchase and install eligible device controller (verify on the EPA WaterSense [website](#))
- Complete online application and supply all required documentation (Note: online application will be available on July 1, 2021 at www.surpriseaz.gov/waterconservation)
- Allow for inspection during normal business hours

City steps:

- Process rebates on a first-received, first-served basis until either application deadline or fund depletion occurs
- Conduct inspection during normal business hours to verify installation
- Approve application and issue rebate check

Tax information

Applicants receiving \$600 or more in rebates from the City in a calendar year must submit a W-9 form before City issues rebate. The City will send 1099 forms to applicants after December 31 each year. Contact a tax professional for more information on rebates and taxes.

Email questions to: ConserveWater@surpriseaz.gov

Single-family new home Xeriscape landscape installation

Rebate amount: \$200 for installing a low-water-use Xeriscape landscape

Important program dates:

- Program start date: July 1, 2021
- Application deadline: April 18, 2022
- Project completion & notification deadline: May 2, 2022

Eligibility requirements:

- Applicant must be the current property owner to apply for and receive rebate
- Property must:
 - be a new, single-family residential home, purchased within two years prior to date of application
 - receive water services from the City of Surprise (EPCOR Water customers are ineligible)
- Rebates are for installing Xeriscape landscape with the following parameters:
 - Total front and backyard landscaped area must exceed 1,000 ft²
 - All plants in landscape must be listed on the [Arizona Department of Water Resources \(ADWR\) plant list](#)
 - Total backyard landscaped area must be at least 80% non-grass. Hardscape such as pools, buildings, patios, pavers, concrete, driveways, etc. **do not** count as part of the landscaped square footage
 - Do not use impermeable barriers such as plastic sheeting
 - Landscape both front and backyard by completion deadline to receive rebate (unplanted, bare soil and artificial grass do not qualify).
- Backyard Xeriscape landscape installation must begin and conclude while the program is active: July 1, 2021 through May 2, 2022 (must apply by April 18, 2022)
- Front yard can be landscaped at time of application with ADWR plants, however, no grass/turf allowed
- Applications missing required information or documentation (e.g. photos) are ineligible

Applicant steps:

- Read program requirements and contact the Water Conservation Office at ConserveWater@surpriseaz.gov for pre-eligibility approval prior to applying (may include an inspection during normal business hours)
- Submit online application and supply all required documentation/photos between July 1, 2021 and April 18, 2022 at www.surpriseaz.gov/waterconservation
 - Submit at least two photos each of front and backyard landscape, all taken from different angles
 - Photos must be taken within one week of application date
- Complete project and notify Water Conservation staff via email by submitting required photos by April 30, 2022
- Allow for inspection during normal business hours

City steps:

- Process on a first-received, first-served basis until application deadline or fund depletion, whichever occurs first
- Provide pre-eligibility approval, conduct inspection(s), and reserve funds pending project completion
- Approve application and issue rebate check

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HOA, commercial, multifamily turf removal rebate

Rebate amount: \$0.50 per square foot of turf removed, up to \$3,000

Important program dates:

- Program start date: July 1, 2021
- Application deadline: March 31, 2022
- Project completion & notification deadline: May 2, 2022

Eligibility requirements:

- Applicant must be the current property owner or authorized board/business officer to apply for rebate
- Property must receive water services from the City of Surprise (EPCOR Water customers are ineligible)
- Rebates are for removing warm-season (Bermuda grass) with the following parameters:
 - Minimum removal area of 1,000 ft² of warm-season (Bermuda grass), bare dirt, or areas with less than 50% density of actively growing or dormant Bermuda are ineligible
 - All new plants in landscape must be listed on the [Arizona Department of Water Resources \(ADWR\) plant list](#)
 - Do not use impermeable barriers such as plastic sheeting
 - Unplanted, bare soil and artificial grass do not qualify. Note: Due to the Health Advisory on potential lead exposure issued by the Center for Disease Control in June of 2008, the installation of artificial grass will not qualify for a landscape rebate.
- Turf removal and Xeriscape landscape installation must begin and conclude while the program is active: July 1, 2021 through May 2, 2022 (must apply by March 31, 2022)
- Applications missing required information or documentation (e.g. photos, W-9, etc.) are ineligible

Applicant steps:

- Read program requirements and contact the Water Conservation Office at ConserveWater@surpriseaz.gov for pre-eligibility approval prior to applying (may include an inspection during normal business hours)
- Take required photos as directed by Water Conservation staff following pre-eligibility approval
- Submit online application and supply all required documentation (e.g. photos, W-9, etc.) between July 1, 2021 and March 31, 2022 at www.surpriseaz.gov/waterconservation
- Complete project and notify Water Conservation staff via email by submitting required photos by May 2, 2022
- Allow for inspection during normal business hours

City steps:

- Process on a first-received, first-served basis until application deadline or fund depletion, whichever occurs first
- Provide pre-eligibility approval (Notice to Proceed), conduct inspection(s), and reserve funds pending project completion
- Approve application and issue rebate check

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