



# WaterWise Landscaping

City of Sunset Valley's WaterWise Landscaping rebate helps residents convert existing turf to native prairie and native plant beds. This rebate may be able to be combined with Austin Water's Waterwise Landscape Rebate. Please check Austin Water's page for more details on their program.

## Water Savings

- Native and adapted landscaping uses less water than traditional turf, saving you money and conserving a precious resource.

## Rebate Amount

- Up to \$15,000 (lifetime cap per residential address)
- 75% cost of materials and installation
- Rebates may not exceed the total project costs.

## Eligibility

- Applicant
  - Be a customer of City of Sunset Valley Utilities
  - Apply for pre-approval prior to purchasing or installing any project materials.
  - Agree to pre and post inspection by City of Sunset Valley Public Works Department.
- Conversion Area
  - 75% of the area must have grass cover at the time of application.
  - Must use native/adapted species from the City of Austin's Grow Green Plant Guide or native seed mixes. (Substitutions must be approved by the City of Sunset Valley)
    - Cannot replace turf grass with another type of turf grass.
    - Turf to native tall/midgrass prairie is allowed.
  - Must have at least 50% plant cover (at maturity) in planting areas.
    - Plants installed between March 15<sup>th</sup> -May 15<sup>th</sup> or from September 15<sup>th</sup> - November 15<sup>th</sup>
    - Turf areas being replaced with non-irrigated areas (rock/gravel) do not require 50% plant cover.
  - Plant beds must be top dressed with at least 2-3 inches of organic mulch.
  - Existing irrigation must be capped off or changed to drip or low-use bubblers.
  - No new permanent irrigation system may be installed in the conversion area.
  - Gravel patios may not be over 200 square feet within the area. Gravel/rock may be used as part of the landscape feature.

- No gravel between the sidewalk and street.
- No water features allowed.
- It is the responsibility of the homeowner to comply with any applicable homeowner association (HOA) requirements.

## **Checklist**

- ☐ Meet Eligibility Requirements
- ☐ Submit Applications before purchasing or installing any materials
- ☐ Pre-installation Photos (show all of the area being converted)
- ☐ Site Plan- Show property lines, existing plants, locations/dimensions of buildings, streets, sidewalks, driveways, and proposed conversion area. Include accurate square footage of conversion area.
- ☐ Planting Plan- list the type of plants you will use, mature spread, and proposed location.
- ☐ Complete a pre-inspection (if required)
- ☐ Submit Rebate Application to and all required documents to:
  - City of Sunset Valley
  - Public Works Department
  - 3203 Jones Road
  - Sunset Valley, Texas 78745
- ☐ Obtain pre-approval letter from Sunset Valley Public Works
- ☐ Once pre-approval is received:
  - ☐ Buy materials and convert area to WaterWise Landscape
  - ☐ Plant materials during planting season listed above.
  - ☐ Submit photos of finished work as well as itemized/dated/paid in full receipts for the project materials/installation.
- ☐ Complete a post-inspection (if required)
- ☐ Rebate check should arrive within 3-4 weeks.

WaterWise Landscape Rebate			
Applicant Name			
Sunset Valley Utility Account Number			
Property Address			
Phone			
Email			
Rebate Information			
Current Irrigation Method			
<input type="checkbox"/> Automatic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hose-end Sprinkler	<input type="checkbox"/> Hand Water	<input type="checkbox"/> None
Current Grass			
Proposed Conversion Area (sq ft)			
Estimated Start Date			
Estimated Completion Date			
Person or Company Installing			
Installation Company Address			
Installation Company Phone			
Installation Company Email			
Rebate Agreement			
<p>I certify that all statements and representations contained in this application are true, correct, and complete. I have read and understand the rebate eligibility requirements. I have completed each of the required items on the rebate checklist and submitted all required items. I understand that incomplete applications will not be processed. The City of Sunset Valley reserves the right to cancel or modify the program without notice. Rebates are subject to funding availability.</p>			
Signature			
Date			