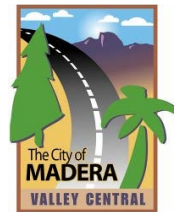


WATER CONSERVATION

TURF REPLACEMENT REBATE

Application Submission Checklist



Use this checklist to make sure your application is complete before you submit it. Incomplete or unsigned applications will be denied and returned.

Documents to Include

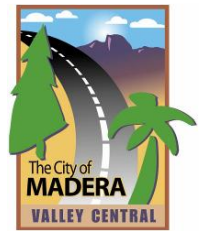
- ☐ Completed and signed application form.
- ☐ Copy of a recent City of Madera utility bill for the service address.
- ☐ At least 5 clear, dated color photos of the current turf area to be removed, showing your home, street, or fence as a reference point.
- ☐ A drawing with measurements of the turf area to be removed, showing landmarks (sidewalks, fences, driveways) and any planned irrigation changes.
- ☐ Written approval letter from the property owner or property manager, attached (renters/tenants only).

Before You Submit, Confirm

- ☐ **Turf removal has NOT started yet — work may only begin after the application is approved and a pre-job inspection is completed.**
- ☐ City of Madera utility account is current and non-delinquent.
- ☐ Planned replacement uses only eligible materials (drought-tolerant plants, mulch, rock, ungrouted stepping stones, permeable hardscape, and/or artificial turf).
- ☐ Project area is 1,000 sq. ft. or less to receive the full rebate (\$2.00/sq. ft. water-efficient landscaping or \$3.00/sq. ft. artificial turf; \$3,000 maximum).



TURF REPLACEMENT REBATE PROGRAM



City of Madera will pay customers \$2.00 per sq. ft of turf removed and replaced with water-efficient landscape, **OR** \$3.00 per sq. ft if replaced with artificial turf, **1,000 square feet maximum.**

Reduce Water Use Outdoors

Save Water and Money by removing live turf on your property and replacing it with Water-efficient landscaping. City of Madera will pay customers up to \$3.00 per square foot to remove - up to 1,000 square feet of irrigated turf. Turf grass is commonly planted in home and commercial landscapes, and it consumes large amounts of water. Most customers find that they can replace some or all of the turf in their landscape without reducing enjoyment of the property. Water-efficient landscapes use 50% or less water than most turf. The amount saved depends on amount of turf removed, type of plants installed, irrigation system, and soil type. A water-efficient landscape can use less water and may not require expensive maintenance.



APPLICATIONS: City of Madera Water Conservation Program: 559-661-5466; email: rebateinfo@madera.gov or visit our website at www.madera.gov/rebates

Rebate Process

1. **Do not begin removing your turf** until you have read and can verify that you meet the rebate criteria listed in *Rebate Program Guidelines & Conditions*, have submitted the required application and have received a pre-inspection of the renovation.
2. Complete the application, take required photos and measurements of renovation area
3. Send completed application, drawing with measurements and clear, color photos that are dated along with a recent City of Madera utility bill to the City of Madera Water Conservation Program.
4. **You will be scheduled and contacted for a pre-job inspection.**
5. **Upon approval**, remove turf, install replacement water-efficient landscape and after appropriate irrigation changes, take required clear, color, dated photos and submit to City of Madera Water Conservation Program.
6. **You will be scheduled and contacted for a final inspection.**
7. Rebate will be mailed approximately 6 weeks after application approval and inspection.

IMPORTANT

Eligible water-efficient replacement landscaping: drought-tolerant plants appropriate for this area, mulch, rock, stepping stones, permeable hardscape, artificial turf.

Turf Replacement Guidelines and Conditions

Requirements

- The purpose of this incentive is to reduce water use. Renovation area must have viable turf and cover the proposed project area, proposed plan must result in a minimum water use reduction of 50% and any drought tolerant plantings must be irrigated by a low-flow/high efficiency irrigation system such as drip or micro spray.
- **What does not qualify: projects that have been started or completed prior to City of Madera's review of application, installation of vegetable gardens where grass once was, water features and fountains, high water use and invasive plants, weeds.**
- Submit the requested information on application along with: a copy of a recent City of Madera utility bill, at least 5 clear, dated color photos of the areas where you plan to remove turf, a drawing with measurements of the turf area to be removed, also indicate irrigation changes. Photos must include your home, street or fence as reference point. Drawing must include landmarks such as sidewalks, fences, driveways, etc. Free printable graph templates available online: <http://www.printablepaper.net/category/graph>
- City of Madera will review applications to approve, deny or require more information and schedule a pre-job inspection.
- **Upon approval**, install the new landscape that meets the terms and conditions set by the City of Madera. Only the following are eligible water-efficient replacement landscaping: drought-tolerant plants appropriate for this area, mulch, rock, steppingstones, permeable hardscape, artificial turf.
- When your project is complete, submit any required information along with at least 5 clear, dated color photos of each area where turf was removed and replacement landscaping installed. Also show irrigation.
- A final project inspection will be scheduled. Your rebate application will be reviewed and upon approval, a rebate check will be mailed within approximately 6 weeks after project completion and final inspection.
- This rebate is effective 12/1/17. Retroactive rebates are not available.
- All projects must be completed within 60 days of City-designated start (review approval) date.

Who Qualifies:

- Rebates are only available to City of Madera water customers or landlords of property serviced by City of Madera Water Division.
- Limit one rebate per following qualified account: PUD's, HOA's, mobile homes, condos/townhouses or any other shared billing accounts also qualify as individual units and may receive rebate. Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional customers whose meter supplies water to an irrigation system. Multi-Family complexes also may qualify. Renters or tenants must provide written approval from property owner or property manager.
- New construction does not qualify.

Application and Rebate Approval or Denial:

- Final rebate cannot be larger than your rebate amount, even if you remove additional square footage. It is important that you estimate and measure your project area correctly.
- Turf removal and water-efficient landscaping must be installed at approved service location listed on the customer's City of Madera's water utility bill account. Turf may not be reinstalled while you maintain ownership of the property. If turf is reinstalled during that time, the entire rebate must be refunded and a penalty equal to the amount of the rebate will be assessed.
- Incomplete, incorrect or unsigned applications cannot be processed and will be denied and returned.
- By submitting this application, you agree to a verification inspection to be eligible for rebate.
- Customers must fulfill all program guidelines to be eligible for rebates. Rebates will only be awarded after verification of proper installation and compliance with the guidelines and conditions.
- For an application to be approved to proceed. The utility account must be current and non-delinquent.
- This program only applies to turf removed after 12/1/17. Retroactive rebates are not available.

Rebates:

- Rebate in the amount of \$2.00 per sq. ft grass replaced with water-efficient landscaping or \$3.00 per sq. ft replaced with artificial turf- up to 1,000 square feet. Maximum rebate \$3,000.
- Rebate amounts do not apply to labor or other costs. Rebates may not exceed the cost of the rebate offer.
- City rebate program is not responsible for materials lost by mail.
- Submission or possession of a rebate application does not guarantee receiving a rebate.
- Rebates are processed on a first come, first served basis and funding is limited to available resources. This program is subject to change or termination without prior notice.
- City is not responsible for product performance or water savings. No warranty or guarantee of the products used or the vendor is provided.
- Rebate checks will be mailed within approximately 6 weeks of an approved final inspection.

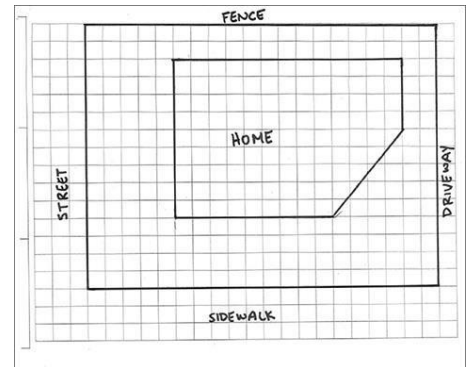
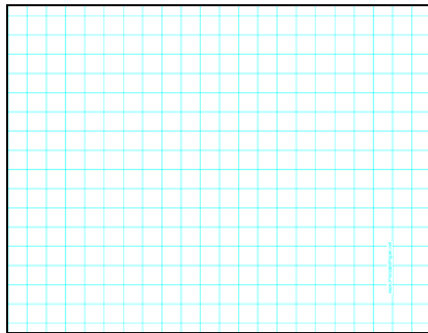
HOW TO MEASURE YOUR LAWN AREA FOR REBATE:

- Make a drawing of your home and borders of yard. Write in descriptions of areas near turf to help orient yourself.
- Divide the project area into easily measured shapes.
- Take measurements to find square footage of each shape for total square footage.
- Add those calculated areas to your drawing.

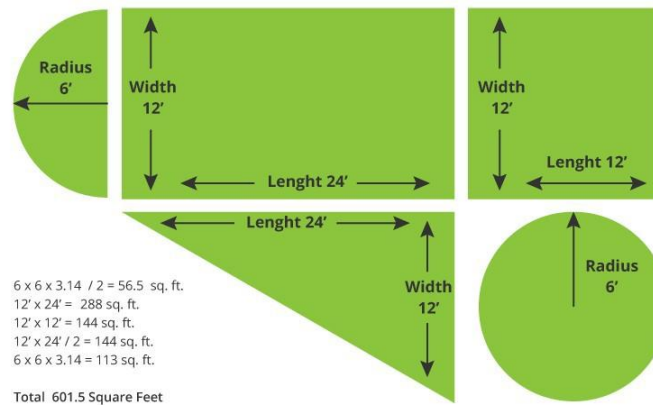
There are many online area calculator tools that will calculate the square footage of common shapers after you enter the required measurements. One example: <http://www.mathsisfun.com/area-calculation-tool.html>. You can also watch demonstrations online on how to measure your lawn at the *YouTube* site.

Graph paper works well for drawings. BELOW ARE EXAMPLES OF DRAWINGS. PLEASE MAKE ALL DRAWINGS ON 8 ½ X 11 PAPER.

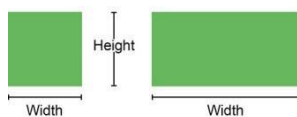
Start by drawing landmarks on your site.-



Calculate the lawn area to be removed on your site and put into your drawing.
City of Madera's rebate is for 1,000 square feet maximum

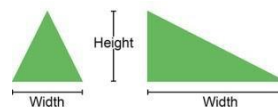


Calculation
examples



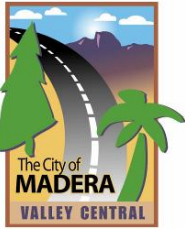
Square or Rectangle

Height multiplied by Width = Square Footage



Triangle

Height multiplied by Width and divided by 2 = Square Footage



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Application Delivery: USPS Mail: City of Madera, Water Conservation, Turf Replacement Conversion Rebate, 1030 S. Gateway Dr., Madera, CA 93637 or Email: rebateinfo@madera.gov

Date _____

Account Information

Please print clearly

Madera City Utility Billing Account # _____

Note: Copy of most recent City of Madera Utility Bill must be included with this application.

Account Name _____

Account Address _____ Zip _____

Telephone (1) _____ (2) _____ E-mail _____

Attention: Renters and Tenants: Participation requires written approval from property owner and/or property manager. Letter must be attached to application when submitted.

Property Owner (if different from above): _____

Mailing Address _____ Zip _____

Telephone (1) _____ (2) _____ E-mail _____

Building Information (Installation Address)

Building Type (X Select): _____ Multi-Family Apt/Duplex

_____ Single Family home _____ PUD _____ Condo _____ Mobile Home _____ HOA Shared billing account

_____ Commercial _____ Industrial _____ Institutional

Turf Replacement Rebate

Rebate amount \$2.00 per sq. ft. grass replaced with water-efficient landscaping or \$3.00 per sq. ft. grass replaced with artificial turf. -up to 1,000 square feet. Maximum rebate \$3,000.

Type of turf to be removed _____

Eligible Replacement (check what applies): Drought-tolerant plants _____ Mulch _____ Rock _____

Un-grouted Stepping Stones _____ Permeable Hardscape _____ Artificial Turf _____

Total square feet of turf to remove _____

Rebate Information

How did you learn about this rebate? _____

Would you have removed turf at this time if this rebate was not being offered? Yes____No____

Inspection and Documentation

DOCUMENTATION:

- Application must be approved prior to rebate. Incomplete applications will be denied and returned.
- Photos and measurements must accompany application.
- Compliance with Turf Replacement Rebate Guidelines and Requirements is required.
- On-site inspections at the address shown on the City of Madera utility bill will be required.

Agreement Terms and Conditions

City of Madera may deny any application that does not meet program requirements which can be obtained by calling (559) 661-5466. The undersigned expressly agrees that the City may inspect all items submitted for the Turf Replacement Rebate Program; that the City does not guarantee the performance of any replacement item; and that the City does not warrant any replacement item or installation to be free of defects, the quality of the workmanship, or the suitability of the premises or the installation and upon installation attests they will continue to use and maintain the turf replacement landscape. The applicant further acknowledges that if their property is found without the turf replacement installed, the rebate will be forfeited and additionally a penalty equal to the amount of the rebate will be assessed to the account. The undersigned further agrees to hold harmless the City of Madera against all loss, damage, expense and liability resulting from the loss, destruction or damage to property arising out of or in any way connected with the Turf Replacement Rebate Program. The City reserves the right to alter this program at any time without prior notice. Funding for this rebate program is limited to available resources. Rebates are processed on a first come, first served basis.

I have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions of this rebate program.

Signature of Applicant_____Date_____

**Complete, sign, and date this page. Attach drawings and photos required before mailing.
Incomplete applications will be denied and returned.**