



City of Grover Beach

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Cash for Grass Rebate Program Terms and Conditions

Rebate Schedule: \$1.00 per square foot of lawn, minimum of 100 square feet, maximum rebate of \$750 per property. This program is subject to change without notice and is contingent on the availability of funding.

- The Cash for Grass Rebate Application must be submitted to the City of Grover Beach and the applicant must participate in a pre-conversion site review conducted by the City *prior* to the removal of any lawn. **Conversions that are initiated without the City's approval are ineligible.**
- Applications must include a landscape plan / drawing and a list of drought tolerant plants that will be utilized.
- Areas to be converted must receive their water from the City of Grover Beach and the applicant's utility account must be in good standing.
- Rebate payments will be issued only to the property owner of record or to property owner's legally appointed representative and, assuming program compliance, will be issued within thirty (30) to sixty (60) days following the City's final inspection.
- Conversions must be completed within six (6) months following the City's pre-conversion site review. Once the City receives notice of conversion project completion, a **FINAL INSPECTION** for compliance will be scheduled.
- Any wait time for the City's final inspection shall not be counted against this six-month period of time.
- If the conversion fails inspection, the applicant will be provided an extension to bring the conversion project into compliance with the program terms and conditions. Extension period will not exceed a period of sixty (60) days after the initial inspection OR the remainder of the six-month period, whichever is greater.
- The converted area must remain in compliance with all program terms and conditions for a period of five (5) years following receipt of the rebate. An applicant may be required to refund the entire rebate, or a portion thereof, if rebate program terms and condition are violated. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this requirement is void upon transfer of ownership.
- At least 40% of the turf area replaced in front yards and/or street side yards must be covered by drought tolerant plant materials. Note: permeable artificial turf installation will be considered plant material. If artificial turf is to be used in any part of the conversion, the product installed must have a minimum five (5) year manufacturer warranty. Artificial turf must not encroach upon living plants/trees and must end at least three inches (3") from the base of any plant/tree.



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- The remaining 60% of the area may be replaced with other landscape materials including:
 - Permeable (allowing both air and water to pass through freely) materials (i.e. gravel, loose decomposed granite, mulch, rock, or pervious pavement and brick, pavers, or flagstone with permeable, mortar-less materials used for grout lines such as sand and gravel); **OR**
 - Impermeable (does not allow air and water to pass through freely) materials (i.e. pavers, tile or brick with impermeable grout, compacted decomposed granite, or concrete). NOTE: If a weed barrier is used beneath the mulch, it must be manufactured to be permeable to both air and water.
- All impermeable options reduce the amount of water runoff by allowing water to pass through the surface and be absorbed into the soil beneath.
- New impermeable areas created as a result of this program will be required to comply with drainage retention requirements of the City Development Code.
- Watering systems to be replaced or installed must be a low volume drip irrigation system equipped with a pressure regulator, filters and emitters. The system must be free of leaks and malfunctions. Each drip emitter must be rated at less than twenty (20) gallons per hour (gph). If part of a lawn is converted, the sprinkler system must be properly modified to provide adequate coverage to the remaining lawn without spraying the converted area (narrow lawn areas often waste water and should be avoided). Planting drought tolerant plants in a converted area requires the installation of a low volume drip irrigation system with a pressure regulator, filter and emitters.
- Although it is not a requirement to hire a contractor to complete the work, if a contractor is hired it is recommended that a Grover Beach based contractor is used. It is not required for the contractor to have a State Contractor's License; however, they are required to have a current City of Grover Beach Business Tax Certificate.
- The City encourages the use of local vendors. For your convenience, listed below are businesses located within City limits:
 1. Ron's Nursery, 850 W. Grand Avenue (805) 489-4747
 2. Miner's Ace Hardware, 1056 W. Grand Avenue (805) 489-2931***Artificial turf is sold at this location.*
- For a list of recommended indigenous and drought tolerant plants, you may visit the following websites:
 - www.CaliforniaNativePlants.com
 - [www.slocounty.ca.gov/Assets/PL/environmental/County+Plants+to+Avoid+\(Excel\).xls](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Assets/PL/environmental/County+Plants+to+Avoid+(Excel).xls)



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- The City enforces only the terms and conditions of this agreement. The applicant is solely responsible for complying with any and all laws, regulations, policies, conditions, covenants and restrictions that may apply and for any and all liabilities arising out of a conversion project. Applicants are encouraged to consult any applicable covenants, conditions and restrictions (“CC&Rs”) or neighborhood Homeowner’s Association (“HOA”) regulations that may apply to an anticipated conversion project prior to submitting an application with the City. Applicants must also comply with all state and local laws relating to landscape maintenance. The quality, maintenance and appearance of the conversion are the exclusive responsibility of the applicant. Rebates may be considered taxable income.

For more information regarding the Water Conservation Retrofit Reimbursement Program, please call the Department of Public Works at (805) 473-4520.