

DRiP REBATE PROGRAM

Drought Resistant Landscape Rebate Program

Purpose

Azusa Light & Water is providing rebates to customers to encourage the purchase of low water consuming and drought resistant landscape materials, including trees, shrubs, ground covers, flowers and both living and artificial turfs. Rebates are also available for water conserving irrigation systems. The purpose of this program is to create beautiful, low-maintenance landscapes that will, in the long-run, reduce water consumption. This is especially important due to persisting drought conditions.

Benefits

- Reduce water usage
- Reduce landscape maintenance cost and time
- Reduce the need for fertilizers and pesticides
- Reduce waste generated from landscape maintenance
- Attract hummingbirds and butterflies to your yard
- Conserve natural resources
- Lower water utility bills

Eligibility

All Azusa Light & Water customers, including existing residents, businesses, and schools are eligible to participate in this program. This program will continue to operate beginning July 1, 2007 until further notice. Applicants may only apply one time during each fiscal year of July 1st through June 30. Plants specified within this program qualify for rebates; however, you may suggest additional plants for consideration. You MUST have an adjustable irrigation system to prevent over-watering. If you do not have such a system, you MUST install one. Water conserving irrigation systems are eligible for rebate funds under this program.

Rebate

The rebate will be in the form of a check with a **maximum of \$1,400 per existing residential water customer, and up to \$15,000 for school and business customers**. This program has limited funding and will continue on a first-come, first-served basis until program funds for the year are exhausted. This program shall at all times be subject to change or termination without prior notice.

In order to participate in the DRiP rebate program, you must purchase a minimum of \$100 in plants and/or irrigation system devices and comply with the requirements of this program application. Rebates will be issued as described below:

- Plants and trees are eligible for a 50% rebate as long as costs for items are within reasonable market prices.
- Mulch used for landscape areas proposed through your application is eligible to receive a 50% rebate with a maximum of \$50 for residents.
- Living turf is eligible to receive a 50% rebate with a maximum of \$200 for residents, provided the living turf area does not exceed 50% of the proposed project area. In order to receive a rebate on living turf, the project area must include a minimum of 50% of non-turf area with plants listed from the DRiP plant list.
- Premium quality artificial turf is eligible for a 50% rebate, providing it is pre-approved and the maximum rebate does not exceed the maximum amounts allowed per resident/business through this program.
- Irrigation system changes or new installations will be eligible for up to 50% of the irrigation system cost, however, the overall cost of the plants and irrigation system cannot exceed the maximum amounts allowed per resident/business through this program.

STEP 1. The Application

A complete **Application Package (pages 1-5)** must be submitted with:

- Completed and signed **Rebate Application Request** form.
- A **Site Plan** of the **existing yard** (hand drawing, professional drawing, or computer drawing), which includes the following information:
 - The location of the house and any other buildings.
 - The location of driveways, walkways, and fences.
 - The location of any existing installed irrigation system (sprinkler system).
 - Scale and north arrow.
 - All existing plants must be labeled and those to be removed shall be noted.
 - 2-4 photographs of the existing yard.
- A **Site Plan** of the **proposed yard** which includes the following information:
 - The location of the house and any other buildings.
 - The location of driveways, walkways, and fences.
 - The location of existing and **proposed** irrigation system (sprinkler system).
 - The location of each proposed plant, including the plant's name and size (e.g., gallons or box size)
 - Scale and north arrow.
- **Proposed Plants/Turf and Irrigation Listings** including:
 - Each plant/turf name, size/area, plant/turf price, and total proposed rebate.
 - A materials listing for irrigation system changes, including prices for materials, proposed rebate amount, and total proposed rebate amount.

STEP 2. The Installation

Once you have received approval from the Azusa Light & Water staff, you may purchase the plants and begin installation. Approval of an application does not guarantee a rebate. The installation process must include the following:

- All existing vegetation and root systems must be removed, unless approved by the Azusa Light & Water staff.
- A minimum of 3 inches of organic mulch must be placed around trees and a minimum of 2 inches must be placed around plants.
- Edging must be used between turf and beds.
- New landscape **MUST** have adequate irrigation systems to support the new plant materials.

Completion must be accomplished at least 6 weeks after approval date.

STEP 3. The Sprinkler System Inspection

Proposed landscapes that will use an existing sprinkler system must have an Azusa Light & Water staff member perform a free irrigation audit in order to determine if the system is working efficiently. All deficiencies must be corrected before the rebate can be processed.

STEP 4. Verification of Receipts

Once installation is complete, return the **Rebate Application Request Form** and submit it to the address shown on the form; attach and submit the following: (1) **Plants/Turf Form** and **Irrigation Form**; and (2) your original receipts or final invoice(s) from suppliers and contractors. All receipts will become property of Azusa Light & Water; therefore we encourage you to keep copies of your receipts.

STEP 5. The Final Inspection

When Azusa Light & Water staff receives your receipts and the **Rebate Application Request Form**, we will call you within 14 days to schedule a final inspection. Once this is complete, a check will be issued to you for approved amount.