

These parameters apply to Hyde Park only. Others should visit [Utahwatersavers.com](https://utahwatersavers.com) and select their water provider to view program requirements for their area.

Thank you for showing interest in Utah's Landscape Incentive Program. This program is run by the Utah Division of Water Resources. Program funds are available in locations that have adopted qualifying landscape ordinances. Incentives are for \$1.50 per square foot of grass replaced with waterwise landscaping (maximum incentive amount of \$50,000/property). A list of eligible cities, program rules, and information for communities interested in adopting water-efficient landscape ordinances can be found at <https://conservewater.utah.gov/grass-removal-rebates/>

Process

Do not remove lawn until application has been approved and the pre-conversion site visit has been completed.

Step 1: Measure the area (ft²) of grass you'd like to remove and replace with waterwise landscaping.

Step 2: Create your landscape plan using the measurements you've taken. Note what materials will be used where and make sure your plants will cover 50% of the project area at maturity (tree canopy is not included in this %). If you're looking for inspiration, [Localscapes.com](https://www.localscapes.com) has examples of landscape plans and online classes. Please review the Landscape Plan Requirements below.

Step 3: Apply for the program. The application requires all of the items listed below. Application completeness is required for approval.

Step 4: Once submitted, your application will be reviewed. Your property will also be verified to ensure compliance with eligibility requirements. You will be contacted for additional verification (this could be a quick video call to see the project area or a site visit). A participation agreement will be emailed to you.

Step 5: After your property and application are approved, you can start the work. Projects must be completed within one year of approval.

Step 6: Once finished, please submit photos of your completed project to Utah Water Savers. You will be contacted to schedule your final inspection.

Step 7: After the final inspection and completion of a W-9 for tax purposes, a rebate check will be mailed to you from the State of Utah.

General Requirements

- Project area must be currently landscaped with a living, maintained lawn. If lawn has been killed or removed prior to a pre-conversion site visit and application approval, you are not eligible for this program.
- Project area must be 200 square feet or larger.
- Applicant must be in good standing with a participating water provider. Unpaid water bills will disqualify applicants from the landscape rebate program.
- Applicant must be participating voluntarily. Projects required by governmental codes or policy are not eligible for this program.
- Applicant acknowledges and verifies the lawn conversion project will not violate any applicable law, regulation, ordinance, zoning requirement, contractual obligation or other legal limitation.
- Applicant must be the property owner and have the legal authority to authorize the removal and replacement on the project area.
- Applicant may not have received a rebate for this program in the past.
- Applicant agrees not to return a project area to lawn after replacing it with waterwise landscaping and receiving an incentive to do so.
- Rebate checks will be made payable to the property owner

Property Requirements

- Property must be privately owned and includes residential, commercial, industrial, and private institutional properties.
- Project area may not be located on agricultural land, golf courses, parks, athletic fields or sod farms.
- Project area must be located within a municipality or a county that has adopted the minimum water-efficient landscape ordinances outlined by the division.

Landscape Plan Requirements:

- Description of the lawn area(s) proposed for removal and replacement, including dimensions and location on the property, ie. project area.
 - the location on the property and square footage of lawn planned for removal and conversion to drought-resistant landscaping
- Photos of the project area (prior to lawn removal)
- Drawings with dimensional measurements and aerial images allowed.
- Types and locations of the inorganic ground cover, weed barriers, plants, shrubs, trees, and irrigation systems.

Landscape Conversion Requirements:

- Drought-resistant perennials and/or shrubs must cover (canopy cover) at least 50% of the converted project area at maturity.
- Trees are encouraged, but may not be used to satisfy the 50% plant and shrub coverage requirement
- All treatment locations in the project area, not otherwise covered in artificial turf, concrete, brick, or stone shall be covered in 3-4 inches of permeable gravel, rock, bark, compost mulch, or similar material to control weeds and improve the appearance of the landscaping.
- If landscape fabric is used (not recommended), it must be permeable to water and air.
- Concrete areas do not qualify for a square foot rebate, but pavers, bricks, stone and other permeable materials are permitted provided the project area satisfies the 50% plant and shrub coverage requirement.
- Drought resistant landscaping may include permeable:
 - weed barrier fabric (not recommended).
 - configurations of pavers, brick, stone, and similar hard surfaced materials, provided the project area satisfies the 50% plant and shrub cover requirement.
 - artificial turf that is permeable to water and air is allowed, provided the project area satisfies the 50% plant and shrub cover requirement.
- Completed project area must be irrigated with a low-volume drip system that:
 - Replaces the existing irrigation system servicing the project area minimizes evapotranspiration losses.
 - Maintains the project area's drought-resistant plants, shrubs and trees in a healthy state will be verified by entity inspecting the project area.
 - Bubblers, micro-spray emitters and toggers are not allowed.