

# TURF REPLACEMENT REBATE PROGRAM

City of Madera will pay customers \$.75 per square foot of turf removed and replaced with water-efficient landscape.

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 \$0.75 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: 661-5466; email:[lmcperson@cityofmadera.com](mailto:lmcperson@cityofmadera.com) or visit our website at [www.cityofmadera.org](http://www.cityofmadera.org)

### 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 4 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, dead or brown non-irrigated grass.**
- 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 (front yard), a drawing with measurements of the turf area to be removed and. 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 application 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, stepping stones, 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 8-9 weeks after project completion and final inspection.
- This rebate is effective 7/16/15. 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 are agreeing 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 7/16/15. Retroactive rebates are not available.

### Rebates:

- Rebate amount \$.75 per square foot grass replaced with water-efficient landscaping - up to 1,000 square feet. Maximum rebate \$750.
- Rebate amounts do not apply to labor or other costs. Rebate may not exceed the cost of the rebate offer.
- The 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 shall at all times be subject to change or termination without prior notice.*
- The 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 4 weeks of an approved final inspection.

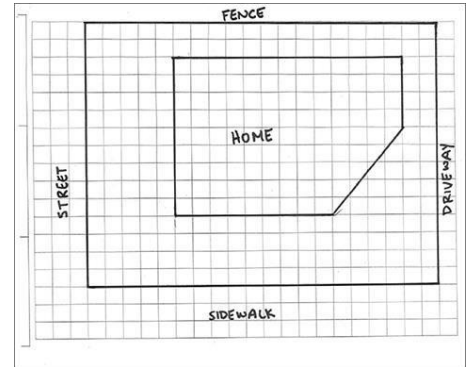
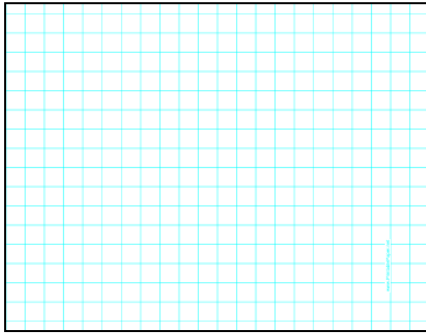
## Measuring your lawn area for rebate

- 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.

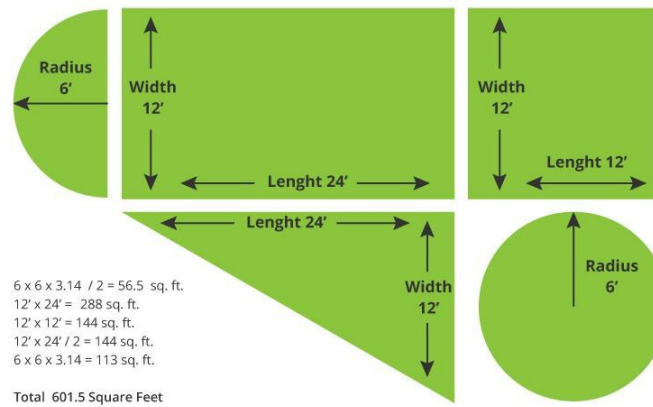
There are many online area calculator tools that will calculate the square footage of common shapers after you enter the required measurements. One example: <http://www.mathsisfun.com/area-calculation-tool.html>. You can also watch demonstrations online on how to measure your lawn at the *YouTube* site.

Graph paper works well for drawings. Free printable graph templates are available online: <http://www.printablepaper.net/category/graph>

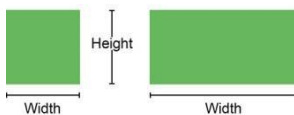
Start by drawing landmarks on your site.



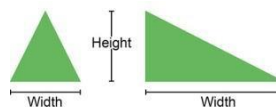
Calculate the lawn area to be removed on your site and put into your drawing.  
City of Madera's rebate is for 1,000 square feet maximum



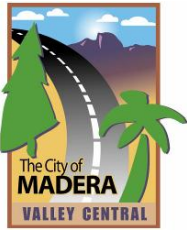
Calculation examples



**Square or Rectangle**  
Height multiplied by Width = Square Footage



**Triangle**  
Height multiplied by Width and divided by 2 = Square Footage



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**Mail to:** City of Madera, Water Conservation, Turf Replacement Conversion Rebate, 1030 S. Gateway Dr., Madera, CA 93637. Phone: (559) 661-5466 – fax (559) 661-0760, Email: [lmcperson@cityofmadera.com](mailto:lmcperson@cityofmadera.com),

Date \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Account Information</b>	<p><b><u>Please print clearly</u></b>  Madera City Utility Billing Account # _____  <b>Note:</b> Copy of most recent City of Madera Utility Bill must be included with this application.</p>
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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 \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Building Information</b> <i>(Installation Address)</i>	<p><b>Building Type (X Select):</b>      ___ Multi-Family Apt/Duplex  ___ Single Family home ___ PUD ___ Condo ___ Mobile Home ___ HOA Shared billing account  ___ Commercial ___ Industrial ___ Institutional</p>
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**Number of:** People in selected unit \_\_\_\_\_ Selected unit # (if applies) \_\_\_\_\_ Site Name (if applies) \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Turf Replacement Rebate</b>	<p>Rebate amount <b>\$.75</b> per square foot grass replaced with water-efficient landscaping - up to 1,000 square feet. Maximum rebate <b>\$750</b>.</p>
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Start Date \_\_\_\_\_ Completion Date \_\_\_\_\_ Location: Front \_\_\_\_\_ Back \_\_\_\_\_ Side \_\_\_\_\_

Square feet of turf to remove \_\_\_\_\_ Type of turf to remove \_\_\_\_\_

Eligible Replacement (check as many as apply): \_\_\_ Drought-tolerant plants \_\_\_ Mulch \_\_\_ Rock \_\_\_ Un-grouted stepping stones \_\_\_ Permeable hardscape \_\_\_ Artificial turf.

Rebate: _____ square feet @ \$.75 per square foot \$ _____
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**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 of 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 proof of purchase before mailing. Incomplete applications will be denied and returned.

<b>TRACKING #</b> _____	<b><u>For Official Use Only</u></b>
Application: Approved ___ Denied ___ Reviewed by _____	
Reason for Denial _____	
Approved by: _____	Comments: _____
Square feet of turf removed _____ @ \$ _____ = \$ _____	
Date to Accounting _____ <b>Amount of Rebate:</b> _____	
<b>ACCOUNTING:</b> Rebate Check sent : Date _____ By _____ Voucher No. _____	