

Get Paid to Transform Your Landscaping!



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Be a part of an innovative trend in landscaping and garden design. Replace your traditional lawn with a modern landscape that includes different plants, flowers and landscape elements. The result will be an exciting and stylish landscape that is easy to maintain, conserves water, and provides long-term benefits to you and the environment.

To Qualify for the Lawn Be Gone! Program:

- **Applicant must receive a NOTICE TO PROCEED from a participating BAWSCA agency before starting a Lawn Conversion Project.**
- Applicant must be a water customer in good standing with a participating BAWSCA agency (see list inside).
- **A minimum of 200 square feet** of lawn must be converted.
- The Pre-Conversion Landscape must be irrigated lawn with a working irrigation system. Lawn must be irrigated from a potable water source (e.g., not private well or recycled water).
- BAWSCA agency may require Applicant to participate in a home water audit as a condition of program qualification.
- Applicant must complete the Lawn Conversion Project within four (4) months of receipt of the Notice to Proceed.
- Pre- and post-conversion inspections are required.
- If Applicant is not the property owner, written permission from the property owner is required.

Rebate Amounts:

- Rebate amount is up to **\$1.00 - \$4.00 per square foot** of converted lawn (see Participating Agencies list), up to the amount of eligible expenditures.
- Each application is subject to participating agency pre-approval and availability of funds. Participating agencies may have limits on maximum rebate amount.
- Receipts are required for all landscaping materials and labor (if applicable). Rebates will not be issued for tools. **Mid-Peninsula Water District customers:** labor is not an eligible expenditure.
- Rebates may take up to eight (8) weeks to process. **For the fastest rebate, apply online at www.BayAreaConservation.org.**
- Rebates are issued as check or as credit on water service accounts.

- An **IRS W-9 form** must be completed by all applicants to receive a rebate. The Social Security or Tax ID number requested in the Rebate application process is in compliance with exemptions to the Federal Privacy Act of 1974, 42 UCS 405 (c)(2)(c). The Internal Revenue Service requires rebate program participants receiving \$600 or more in rebates to be issued an IRS Form 1099 unless exemptions apply.

Lawn Conversion Project Requirements:

- The Converted Area must contain at least 50 percent low water use plants. The difference may be completed as permeable hardscape.
- **Customers of Menlo Park:** The converted area is required to contain at least 80% low water use plants.
- Use of low water use plants is required. See the **BAWSCA Approved Plant List** for a list of qualifying plants (www.BayAreaConservation.org).
- Permeable hardscape includes materials such as pavers, bricks or flagstone set in sand, gravel or decomposed granite. Water must be able to pass through or be absorbed by landscaping materials.
- Existing irrigation systems within the Converted Area must be capped in-place, converted to drip irrigation system, or removed.
- Irrigation systems installed to irrigate the Converted Area must be drip irrigation with a pressure regulator. A rain shut-off valve is also suggested.
- All exposed soil surfaces in the Converted Area must have at least a three (3) inch layer of mulch.
- BAWSCA and the local water agencies reserve the right to deny a rebate to any Applicant that does not meet the program requirements.

Non-Qualifying Lawn Conversion Projects:

- Impermeable surfaces (i.e., concrete or bricks/flagstone mortared into place)
- Non-biodegradable weed-block material
- Artificial turf installations
- Overhead spray/sprinkler systems
- High water use plants

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