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Lawn Be Gone!

**Rebates of
\$1.00 – \$4.00
Per Square Foot
of Lawn Replaced**



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- To view BAWSCA's Water Wise Gardening in the Bay Area for Water-Efficient Gardening ideas and inspirations!
www.BayAreaGardening.org
- For a list of **FREE** Water-Efficient Landscape Classes offered throughout the Bay Area.
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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

See full terms and conditions at: www.BayAreaConservation.org

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Participating BAWSCA Agencies July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

To be eligible for a rebate you must be a water customer of one of these BAWSCA agencies:

- **City of Brisbane/Guadalupe Valley Municipal Improvement District (RSF, RMF, CII) – \$1 per sq. ft.**
415-508-2130 www.ci.brisbane.ca.us
- **City of Foster City/Estero Municipal Improvement District (RSF, RMF, CII) – \$2 per sq. ft.**
650-286-8140 www.fostercity.org
- **Town of Hillsborough (RSF) – \$1 per sq. ft.**
650-375-7444 www.hillsborough.net
- **City of Menlo Park/Menlo Park Municipal Water District (RSF, RMF, CII) – \$2 per sq. ft.**
650-330-6720 www.menlopark.org
- **Mid-Peninsula Water District (RSF, RMF) – \$2 per sq. ft.**
650-591-8941 www.midpeninsulawater.org
- **North Coast County Water District (RSF, RMF, CII) – \$4 per sq. ft.**
650-355-3462 www.nccwd.com
- **City of Redwood City (RSF, RMF, CII) – \$1 per sq. ft.**
650-780-7436 www.redwoodcity.org/conservation
- **City of San Bruno (RSF, RMF, CII) – \$1 per sq. ft.**
650-616-7162 www.sanbruno.ca.gov

Cal Water Customers: Effective June 2015, Cal Water is no longer participating in the Lawn Be Gone! Program. Cal Water customers may apply for turf replacement rebates at www.calwater.com.

RSF: Residential Single Family, **RMF:** Residential Multi Family

CII: Commercial, Industrial, Institutional

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Lawn Be Gone! Application Checklist

PRE-APPLICATION SUBMITTAL

- ☐ I am a water customer of a participating BAWSCA agency.
- ☐ I am converting a minimum of 200 square feet of lawn.
- ☐ The lawn area to be converted is currently irrigated.
- ☐ My plant list is consistent with the BAWSCA Approved Plant List.

POST-APPLICATION SUBMITTAL

- ☐ I submitted my Application to BAWSCA and scheduled a Pre-Conversion Inspection with a participating BAWSCA agency.
- ☐ I received a **Notice to Proceed** from participating BAWSCA agency.
- ☐ I removed or capped the existing sprinkler irrigation system in the Converted Area or converted it to a drip irrigation system.
- ☐ I installed live plants in at least 50 percent of the Converted Area, with the remainder completed as permeable hardscape.
- ☐ The new irrigation system I installed in the Converted Area is a drip irrigation system.
- ☐ The new irrigation system I installed is equipped with a pressure regulator, filter and pressure compensating emitters.
- ☐ There is a 3-inch layer of mulch on exposed soil surfaces within the Converted Area.
- ☐ The Converted Area does not have high water use plants, artificial turf, non-biodegradable weed-block material, overhead sprinkler systems, exposed soil surfaces, or non-permeable hardscape.
- ☐ I completed my Lawn Conversion Project within 4 months of receiving a **Notice to Proceed**.

Resources: Visit www.BayAreaConservation.org for help with your Lawn Conversion Project.

- Lawn be Gone! Terms and Conditions and FAQs
- BAWSCA Approved Plant List
- The Water-Wise Gardening on-line tool
- Links to other helpful websites



LAWN BE GONE! REBATE APPLICATION

Complete application and mail to: BAWSCA 155 Bovet Road, Suite 650, San Mateo, CA 94402

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PLEASE PRINT:

Applicant Name*: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ZIP: _____

Name of Water Agency: _____

Water account number: _____

What is the best time to reach you M-F between 8:00 am - 4:30 pm? _____

Is the Applicant the property owner?: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "No," property owner's signature signifies permission for Applicant to participate in Program: _____

Owner Name: _____ Phone: _____

What is the area of Lawn Conversion project? (length x width) = _____ Sq. Ft.

**Must match the name and address on required W-9 form. Rebate check will only be sent to the W-9 contact.*

Agreement

I, the undersigned, understand that the Lawn Be Gone! Rebate Program (Program) is a limited, first-come/first-served, one-time program, and that rebates are given only for projects for which applications are approved in advance of installation. I have read, understand, and will comply with all Program requirements, and understand that BAWSCA and its participating member agencies will deny any application that does not meet Program requirements. I understand that I may forfeit any rebate I may receive if I do not maintain the area to be converted in accordance with the Program requirements for at least three years after receipt of any rebate. I have independently selected materials, supplies and labor for the purpose of performing the installation. I agree that all work performed will comply with applicable state and local laws, ordinances and regulations. I agree that BAWSCA and its participating member agencies may visit the premises to inspect existing conditions and to verify that the work has been performed in accordance with all Program requirements. I understand that BAWSCA's and its participating member agencies' only purpose in making such inspections is to verify compliance with Program requirements and that neither BAWSCA nor its participating member agencies make any determination with respect to whether materials and equipment are free of defects, the quality of the workmanship, or the suitability of the premises or the materials or equipment for the installation. I also understand that the installation of irrigation equipment and landscape materials may not result in lower water bills. I agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless BAWSCA and its participating member agencies, their directors, officers, agents and employees against any and all loss, liability, expense, claims, suits and damages, including attorneys' fees, arising out of or resulting from participation in the Program, including without limitation the installation of irrigation equipment and landscape materials.

I have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions of this rebate program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Pre-Insp. Date _____	Check Date _____	Conv. Sq. Ft. _____
Post-Insp. Date _____	Check Amt. _____	Water Savings _____
Rebate Status _____	Agency Rep. _____	

Please draw an aerial view of your proposed Lawn Conversion Project. Include measurements to explain the total area of lawn to be converted. Please attach your proposed plant list.