

2018 WATER WISE LANDSCAPE REBATE PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS

The goal of this rebate program is to provide assistance for Thornton water customers to reduce water demand at their property while maintaining an attractive landscape. According to residents who have transformed their yards, creating a water-wise oasis is rewarding and worth the effort! The requirements below were established to help ensure that the program goal is achieved and we will work to make the rebate process as smooth as possible for you.

Questions? Please call **720-977-6600** or email water@thorntonwater.com before you start your project.

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

1. Front, side and back yard projects. Exception: Artificial turf on side and back yards only.
2. Replacement of lawn/turf or conversion of unimproved landscape only.
3. Project areas of 200 – 1,000 square feet (sq. ft.).
4. Eligible landscape materials:
 - a. Mulched areas with plants. Plants must be ultra-low to medium water requirement perennials, shrubs or trees.
 - i. See plant lists at <http://www.cityofthornton.net/government/citydevelopment/Pages/landscape-architecture.aspx> or <http://plantselect.org/plants/find-a-plant/>
 - ii. Mulched plant beds must be designed with no more than 30 percent bare mulch. Plants should be shown on the Landscape Design at expected mature size.
 - iii. Eligible mulch types include shredded bark, bark chips or rock.
 - b. Low-water turf types, such as those listed below. See <http://extension.colostate.edu/topic-areas/yard-garden/renovating-the-home-lawn-7-241/> for more information.
 - i. Cool Season Turf
 1. Turf Type Tall Fescue
 2. Fine Fescues (only Sheep, Blue and Hard fine fescues)
 3. Texas Hybrid Bluegrass
 - ii. Warm Season Turf
 1. Mix of Buffalograss and Blue Grama
 2. Cold tolerant Bermudagrass
 3. Cold tolerant Zoysiagrass
 - c. Artificial turf is eligible in back and side yards only, as specified in [Thornton City Code](#), Section 18-542.
 - d. Permeable hardscape such as flagstone or paver paths and patios (concrete patios are not eligible). Rock mulched areas are not considered permeable hardscape and must include plants as defined in 4.a., above.
 - e. Decks that replace irrigated landscape.

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- f. Children's play area.
 - g. Any combination of the above, 200 to 1,000 sq. ft.
 - h. 4 cubic yards of compost per 1,000 sq. ft., rototilled to 6 inch depth, is recommended for long-term health of plant beds.
5. Irrigation zone(s) must be removed, disabled, or converted to drip irrigation. Exception: Low-water turf zones can be designed with rotary spray nozzles.
- a. Rotary spray nozzle examples:
 - i. <https://www.hunterindustries.com/irrigation-product/nozzles/mp-rotator>
 - ii. <https://www.toro.com/en/professional-contractor/irrigation-sprays/precision-series-rotating-nozzles>
 - iii. <http://www.rainbird.com/landscape/products/sprayNozzles/rotaryNozzles.htm>
 - b. It is important that you delineate the existing zone(s) you will be taking out of service to help you determine the project location.

Note: The H₂Overhaul 200 sq. ft. landscape conversion is a separate program and is not eligible for a rebate.

PROCESS

1. Visit ThorntonWater.com/H2Overhaul to find helpful resources for your project.
2. Download the Water-Wise Landscape Rebate application at www.ThorntonWater.com/Rebates.
3. Create a landscape design yourself or hire a professional. Downloadable design ideas are available at <http://plantselect.org/design/downloadable-designs/>.
4. If you live in an HOA neighborhood, submit your design to the HOA for review/approval.
5. Email **Required Documents** to water@thorntonwater.com for project review/approval.
6. Once approved, get utility locates at colorado811.org and start your project.
7. **For plant beds:** After plants are installed and before adding mulch, take photos of the project and email to water@thorntonwater.com. Add mulch **only after receiving approval**.
8. Schedule a project completion inspection with a trained technician from Resource Central at **303-999-3824**. Added bonus for automatic irrigation system owners: the inspection includes a complementary sprinkler system consultation to help you improve the efficiency of sprinkler system. Inspection must take place before **September 30**.
9. After your inspected project is approved, the \$1 per sq. ft. rebate (for projects 200 – 1,000 sq. ft.) will be applied to your water account in 1 – 2 months.

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REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Before digging in:

- Landscape design**
- Plant and/or material list, including the amount of compost and mulch, if applicable**
- HOA approval document - Circle N/A if not applicable**
- Pre-project area photos**
- Copy of legal ID**
- Signed Affidavit**
- IRS Form W-9**

For plant beds, after installing plants:

- Pre-mulch photos**

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