Turf Removal Incentive Now Available for Western Customers

Customers of Western Municipal Water District (Western) are now eligible to participate in a rebate program that encourages sustainable landscape transformation.

- Residential customers are eligible for up to $2 per square foot for a maximum of 1,500 square feet. A minimum of 250 square feet of converted landscape must be in the front yard unless the front yard was previously converted.
- Commercial customers are eligible for up to $2 per square foot for a maximum of 10,000 square feet.

- In order to be eligible, there must be existing grass in the area to be converted. Any conversion work prior to authorization is ineligible.
- No synthetic turf is allowed.
- There are additional terms and conditions which can be found at SoCalWaterSmart.com.
- Related incentives are available for weather-based irrigation controllers, soil moisture sensors, high-efficiency sprinkler nozzles, and rain barrels.

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the regional wholesale water provider to Western, is providing $1 per square foot for the turf removal incentive. Western is adding an additional $1 per square foot for a total of $2 per square foot. This program will be offered until funding is exhausted.

“Western is excited to see the return of a turf replacement program. In our previous program, our customers converted nearly 800,000 square feet of landscape,” said Water Resources Specialist Rob Whipple, who manages the turf program for Western. “We see this as a great way to drought-proof our region.”

A program application and more information are available at SoCalWaterSmart.com.

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