



Monterey Bay Friendly Landscaping Program Rebate Rules & Requirements

General Monterey Bay Friendly Landscaping Rebate Rules & Requirements:

- Limit one \$500 Monterey Bay Friendly Landscaping rebate per household or business that meet [Monterey Bay Friendly Landscaping standards](http://www.green-gardener.org) (available at www.green-gardener.org).
- Qualified rebate materials must be installed at the location listed on this rebate application.
- Approved costs include landscape design services, materials, and equipment rental. Applicant or Contractor labor may not be included in the rebate request. No rebate will exceed the purchase price of the item(s) or material(s).
- Renters must provide written consent from the property owner to participate in this program.
- Applicants must comply with existing rules and requirements of their water utility rebate program for each green infrastructure rebate type.
- A [Qualified Monterey Bay Friendly Landscaping Rater](#) must complete a post-construction site visit and certify that the landscape meets Monterey Bay Friendly Landscaping standards before a rebate can be issued to the applicant.
- Rebate funds will be issued only after pre- and post-construction photos and all receipts have been uploaded to green-gardener.org and all sections of the rebate application have been completed. Pre-construction photos are not required for the rainwater harvesting rebate.
- Rebate applications will be accepted at www.green-gardener.org until March 31st, 2016, or until available funding has been committed to approved rebate applicants.
- Applicants must upload jpg or pdf files of all original, dated sales receipts documenting the total cost of the project to the rebate application form at green-gardener.org
- Funding for the rebate will be available until funds are depleted. Applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis, provided the application meets all qualifying criteria. There is no implied or expressed guarantee that funding will be available at the time the application is processed.
- Denied applications may be revised and resubmitted, and may be approved if all comments to the prior submittal are adequately addressed.
- Rebate check(s) will be paid to the Monterey Bay Friendly Landscaping rebate applicant only. Allow 4 weeks from the date of the post-construction online application submittal for processing of your rebate(s).
- Applicants are responsible for maintaining and operating green infrastructure projects funded by the Monterey Bay Friendly Landscaping Rebate Program.
- Applicants are responsible for obtaining all necessary permits and licenses required to complete green infrastructure projects.
- The Monterey Bay Friendly Landscaping Program does not endorse specific brands, products or dealers; nor does it guarantee materials or workmanship; acceptance of such is customer's responsibility.
- The Monterey Bay Friendly Landscaping Program assumes no responsibility or liability for any damage that may occur to an applicant's property as a result of participation in this rebate program. Due to circumstances beyond its control, the Monterey Bay Friendly Landscaping Program cannot guarantee that installation of rebated irrigation materials or plants will result in lower utility costs.
- The applicant is solely responsible for the proper disposal of all materials associated with the installation of the conservation fixtures and plant material (including, but not limited to, soil, grass, irrigation piping, etc.). Please recycle and compost green waste.



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Rainwater Harvesting Rules & Requirements:

- A rebate of \$0.25/gallon is based upon the total storage capacity of the rain barrel or cistern.
- Individual barrels/cisterns must have a minimum storage capacity of 50 gallons.
- Rain catchment systems must be child-proof and mosquito-proof. Mosquito-proof means that the opening to the system must be completely sealed with mesh that is at minimum, the size of window screening. Child-proof means the barrel/cistern top is sealed to prevent a child from climbing inside and drowning.
- Backflow protection is required on any rain catchment system that has a physical cross connection with municipal potable water supply piping. Acceptable forms of backflow protection are a visible air gap or reduced pressure principle backflow prevention device. Hose bibb vacuum breakers are recommended for all outdoor hose bibbs on a property with a rainwater harvesting system and may be required by your water provider.
- The rebate applicant must identify and comply with all applicable state and local building codes and permit requirements. A building permit is not required for a rainwater harvesting system if all of the following conditions are met:
 - The rainwater harvesting system is used only for outdoor, non-spray irrigation.
 - Cisterns have a maximum capacity of less than 5,000 gallons each and are supported directly on grade.
 - The ratio of height to diameter (or width) of the cistern does not exceed 2 to 1.
 - The rainwater harvesting system does not require new electrical power.
 - The rainwater harvesting system has no makeup water supply connection from any potable or alternative water source.

Run-off Redirect Rebate Rules & Requirements:

- A rebate of \$0.50/ft² is based upon the footprint of the impervious area diverting stormwater run-off to a rain garden, bioswale, dry creek bed, or other bioretention feature in the landscape.
- Rebates will not be given where stormwater run-off from roof downspouts or other impervious surfaces is already diverted to vegetated or permeable areas.
- The property owner must demonstrate (via pre-construction photos or a pre-construction site visit by a Qualified Monterey Bay Friendly Landscaping Rater) that run-off from the impervious surface (roof, driveway, patio, etc.) is currently flowing to a municipal storm drain system or directly into a public water body (river, creek, seasonal drainage, wetland, etc.)
- Recommendations and construction guidelines for rain gardens can be found in the [Monterey Bay Friendly Rain Garden Fact Sheet](#). [Slow it, Spread it, Sink it; A Homeowners Guide to Greening Stormwater Runoff](#) has excellent general guidance for stormwater management.

Impervious Surface Replacement Requirements:

- A rebate of \$1.00/ft² is based upon the area of the impervious surface removed and replaced with pervious pavement, mulch, or California native or climate-appropriate landscaping.
- Types of pervious pavement that qualify for the impervious surface replacement include porous asphalt and concrete, open joint pavers, interlocking concrete or permeable pavers, and plastic or concrete grid systems with gravel filled voids.
- Pervious pavement will not be rebated on slopes exceeding 2%, or in seasonally wet areas with standing water.



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Irrigated Turf Replacement Requirements:

- A rebate of \$1.00/ft² is based upon the area of irrigated turf removed and replaced with at least 2" of mulch and/or California native or climate-appropriate landscaping.
- The existing turf area to be re-landscaped must have been irrigated by an in-ground sprinkler system or other overhead spray irrigation and formally maintained in the past five years. Pre-construction photos or a pre-construction site visit by a Qualified Monterey Bay Friendly Landscaping Rater are required to verify pre-existing turf area.
- The existing irrigation system must be replaced with subsurface drip irrigation, permanently capped, or removed. The new irrigation system must comply with local and state laws that prohibit overspray, runoff, and water waste.
- The existing turf area must be re-landscaped with qualified materials listed below. All non-planted areas must be covered with a 2-4" of recycled greenwaste mulch or permeable hardscape materials. Qualified materials include:
 - Drought Tolerant Plants – The WUCOLS (Water Use Classification of Landscape Species) list for region 1, North-Central Coastal can be used as a guide to determine if a species is classified as a low or very low water user. The WUCOLS list can be downloaded at <http://ucanr.edu/sites/WUCOLS/>
 - Permeable Hardscape Materials – Examples of acceptable materials include permeable concrete, permeable interlocking concrete pavers (PICP), urbanite, and stone and gravel materials for rain gardens and drainage swales.
 - Mulch or Compost - Made from recycled organic materials within the Monterey Bay area.
 - Subsurface Drip Irrigation Materials – Microspray is not allowed.
- Installation of turf replacement rebate materials is the sole responsibility of the applicant, as is determination of the adequacy and compatibility of the existing plumbing system.