



Water Conservation Landscape Rebate Policy

Residential Landscape Rebate Program for New Homes

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The intent of the rebate program is to encourage the installation of low-water-use, drought-tolerant plants (Xeriscape), thereby creating a permanent reduction in the amount of water applied to landscapes.

Plant material in the installation area must be listed as low-water-use and, at typical mature size, must cover 50% or more of landscaped area. Information on low-water-use plant choices is available free from the Water Conservation office or the Arizona Department of Water Resources.

Several free low-water use landscaping booklets and resources are available to assist citizens with their landscape installations at www.chandleraz.gov/water.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Rebates of \$200.00 are available to new single-family residential properties that are Chandler utility customers and meet the program qualifications and requirements stated below. Applicant must be the property owner.

REQUIREMENTS

- Total landscapable area of the property must exceed 1,000 square feet. This area excludes buildings, driveways, pool, etc. (Patio or decking is included in landscapable area.)
- Property will be inspected prior to installation of landscape and also upon completion to insure compliance.
- After installation, a minimum of 50% of the total landscapable area must be in non-grass, inorganic or organic top dressing or mulch. Inorganic top dressing/mulch may include gravel, river rock, and decomposed granite. Organic top dressing/mulch may include bark, shredded bark or mulch. Non-pervious materials such as black plastic are not permitted.
- Drought-resistant trees, shrubs, flowering perennials and accent plants from the Phoenix AMA Low Water Use Plant List must cover 50% or more of the area landscaped in inorganic or organic top dressing/mulch.
- Both front and back yards must be landscaped.
- A property shall only be eligible once to receive a new installation rebate.
- Size of landscapable area will be furnished by homeowner. The property will be re-measured if figures appear unrealistic.
- The property will be inspected by the Water Conservation Specialist or designee. Providing the landscaping meets the above criteria, a rebate of \$200.00 will be issued to the applicant.

GETTING STARTED

Email the Chandler Water Conservation Office at conserve@chandleraz.gov or call 480-782-3583 to schedule an appointment for an inspection for the rebate.

The number of rebates awarded each year will depend upon availability of funds. Rebates are awarded in the order that the applications are received (from the date that the complete application is received) on a first come, first served basis.

More information is available by visiting the Chandler Water Conservation Web site at www.chandleraz.gov/water