



## City of Chandler Water Conservation

### Landscape Conversion Rebate Program for Homeowner Associations (Policy)

#### **ABOUT THE PROGRAM**

This program offers rebates starting at \$200 per 1,000 square feet of turf converted to low-water use landscape up to a maximum of \$3,000. This Rebate Program encourages installation of low-water-use, drought-tolerant plants (Xeriscape), thereby creating a reduction in the amount of water applied to landscapes. Free low-water use landscaping booklets and an interactive CD are available to assist with conversions to Xeriscape. Request these by calling 480-782-3580, or by visiting Chandler's Water Conservation web site at [www.chandleraz.gov/water](http://www.chandleraz.gov/water). This rebate will not be offered after June 30, 2010 and this policy will terminate ninety days thereafter unless action to extend this policy is taken by the Chandler City Council prior to that date.

#### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE**

Homeowner Association (HOA) properties that are Chandler utility customers who use potable water to irrigate common area landscape on a continual basis and meet the program qualifications and requirements stated below. Applicant must be authorized by the HOA Board and be the Property Manager or Homeowner Association President.

#### **REQUIREMENTS**

The property must have a minimum of 1000 square feet of established turf area in the landscape that will be removed and converted to low-water use landscaping.

- Landscapable area of the property must exceed 1,000 square feet. This area excludes buildings, driveways, and pools, etc. Patio or decking is included in landscapable area.
- The HOA common area landscape conversion must be completed on or after April 1, 2008 through June 30, 2010.
- Rebate application must be filled out and submitted by applicant. Applications submitted after June 30, 2010 will not be accepted.
- A preliminary site inspection to confirm eligibility is required before starting the conversion.
- The HOA organization applying for the rebate must participate in a free Water Budgeting Program offered by the City of Chandler Water Conservation Office.
- The application must include existing turf measurements.
- A final inspection is required after completion of the landscape renovation.
- Exposed soil in conversion areas must be landscaped. Bare soil is not acceptable.
- No fountains are allowed in conversion areas unless they are recirculating and comply with 35-1903 (6) (f) of Chandler's City Code.
- After conversion, a minimum 50% of the total landscapable area must be in non-grass with only plants from the Phoenix AMA Low-Water Use Plant List and include inorganic or organic top dressing. Inorganic top dressing may include gravel, river rock, and decomposed granite. Organic top dressing includes bark, shredded bark or mulch. Conversion must comply with 35-1903 (6) (C) 1 of Chandler's City Code. Information on low-water use plant choices is available free from the Water Conservation Office or the Arizona Department of Water Resources.
- A property currently landscaped with low-water use plants will not be eligible for a rebate if the area is redone.
- Revised landscape plans shall be submitted to the City of Chandler's Planning & Development Office.

#### **GETTING STARTED**

- Call the Water Conservation Office at 480-782-3580 to set up a preliminary site inspection.
- Submit a "before" photo of established turf area, if available.
- You can begin the project after verification of eligibility by the Water Conservation Specialist.
- The City of Chandler may reject applications it deems out of compliance with Xeriscape principles.

*A HOA property is permitted only one application per year. The number of rebates awarded each year depends upon availability of funds. Rebates will be awarded in the order the applications are received (from the date that the complete application is received) on a first come, first served basis. The rebate is not retroactive and does not apply to work completed before April 1, 2008.*

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