

Xeriscape Rebates

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Xeriscape Rebate Requirements

Xeriscaping
Information

Xeriscape Rebate Application
Form
How To Guide

to Xeriscaping
Rainwater Harvest
Plant List

- Your landscape irrigation water must be provided by the Water Authority.
- Any landscape removed must be designated as high water use on the Albuquerque Plant List. A Water Authority Inspector must approve you application before you proceed. Pre-existing low water use landscapes are not eligible.
- Select landscaping plants from the Water Utility's "How To Guide to Xeriscaping".
- Fifty percent of the project rebate area must be covered by plants, as they will appear at maturity--not at installation. You select the qualifying plants from the list provided by the Water Authority and claim the mature plant area noted on the approved plant list. Existing plants may be incorporated into the design and contribute to coverage, provided they are on the approved plant list. The Water Authority recognizes the importance of trees by assigning a fixed groundcover value to approved trees.
- Spray irrigation is not permitted in the rebate area. You may hand water or use drip, soaker or bubbler irrigation systems. If you hand water, plants must be one gallon or larger container stock. Areas watered with sprinklers, including micro-sprinklers, will not disqualify your project, but will be excluded from the rebate calculation. Existing sprinklers may be converted to a drip system. All irrigation systems must have an approved backflow prevention device.
- You must cover the soil between and beneath the plants with a minimum 2 inches of mulch (3 to 4 inches is recommended). Common mulches are gravel or decorative bark, but other materials may qualify. Impervious plastic is not permitted, unless it is part of a water harvesting design.
- For single-family residential rebates, you will receive a water bill credit of \$0.60 for every square foot of qualifying landscape up to 2,000 square feet. You must convert a minimum of 500 square feet to participate.
- For multifamily (apartment) and nonresidential rebates, you will receive a water bill credit of \$0.60 for every square foot of qualifying landscape up to 12,500 square feet. You must convert a minimum of 500 square feet to participate.

The New Rainwater Harvesting
Landscape Rebate

The rebate amount has increased to \$1.20 per square foot. The minimum remains at 500 square feet, and the maximum is 2000 square feet for eligible landscape conversions.

Plant coverage must still be 50%, but all of the plants must be from the low water use designation on the Rainwater Harvest Plant List. These plants are native or xeric adapted to live on the 8 inches of natural rainfall that occurs in Albuquerque. A rainwater collection or direction system must also be a part of the plan, which must be approved by the Water Utility's Xeriscape Inspector. In order to allow for root establishment and development, supplemental irrigation is allowed for a two year period for shrubs and grasses, and a three year period for trees.

Steps to Obtain Rebate:

- Develop a Plan

Print the Xeriscape Rebate Application Form (1.2MB PDF) ,

Use the approved plant lists to select plants. Draw a simple diagram on the form. List each plant to be used on the form. Use the numbered lines from your list to identify the plants on your landscape drawing.

- Call 768-3655

to have a Water Authority Inspector visit you at the property to review your application and to see the existing landscape. When your application has been approved, you may begin your project. Funding will be reserved for the anticipated amount of your rebate.

- Proceed with your project.

You have six months after your application is approved to complete your project. You may apply for a project extension if rebate funds are still available.

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to arrange for a final inspection. Following final approval, the Water Authority will apply the rebate credit to your water bill.