

Time to rethink your landscape

Drought Recovery Toolkit Rebate Program

Here's your chance to transform your yard from parched to Texas-proud!

After a hot, dry summer, many homeowners are ready to leave the drought behind and give their landscapes a fresh start. Why not use this time to revamp your yard with a new, more exciting mix of colors and textures? In just a couple of weekends, you could create your very own outdoor oasis – one that's not only easier to maintain, but also saves you big bucks on your water bill.

To help jump-start your efforts, SAWS is offering rebates – for a limited time – for converting turf grass to mulched beds or pervious hardscape, as well as for irrigation system redesigns. Additionally, you'll be able to take advantage of our ongoing WaterSaver Landscape program for potential rebate totals of more than \$900.



\$50 New Beds and Mulch Rebate

Although many varieties of turf will recover from plentiful rain, any remaining dead, brown spots present the perfect opportunity to convert your landscape from mostly turf to a combination of beds and hardscape.

Why beds?

- Native and drought tolerant plants use 50 percent less water than grass
- Beds can be watered with a drip irrigation system, which uses less water and has fewer restrictions during drought
- Plants in beds can be planned so there is color year-round
- Most blooming plants attract butterflies and hummingbirds
- Beds filled with WaterSaver plants require less ongoing care
- Converting at least 50 percent of your turf to more mulched beds is one step toward qualifying for the WaterSaver Landscape rebate

To qualify for a New Beds and Mulch rebate, you must:

- Be a SAWS water customer (sewer-only customers not eligible)
- Complete the Drought Recovery Toolkit New Beds and Mulch rebate application
- Attach before and after photos of the converted landscape. Photos must clearly show conversion of turf areas to mulched beds.
- Purchase a minimum of 3 cubic yards of mulch
- Submit original dated receipts for mulch (copies not accepted)

\$150 Turf-to-Hardscape Rebate

What if you could eliminate your landscape's need for water? Enter hardscape. Wood decks, flagstone or paver patios, and crushed granite areas are all examples of pervious hardscape. Converting existing turf to any one of these could earn you a \$150 credit on your water bill.

To qualify for the Turf-to-Hardscape rebate, you must:

- Be a SAWS water customer (sewer-only customers not eligible)
- Complete the Turf-to-Hardscape rebate application
- Attach before and after photos of the converted landscape. Photos must clearly show conversion of turf areas to pervious hardscape.
- Convert a minimum of 500 square feet of turf to pervious hardscape (pathways and driveways not eligible)
- Submit original dated receipts for primary material used in your new hardscape (copies not accepted)



Residential Irrigation Redesign Rebate – Up to \$400

SAWS conservation consultants will work with your irrigator to help identify design flaws in your irrigation system that, if changed, can result in water savings and healthier landscapes. This rebate is designed to offset a portion of your irrigation system redesign costs.

Who is eligible: Existing customers who receive water service from SAWS.

Terms of the Rebate: A maximum of \$400 for any combination of options, depending on the number of zones converted or capped, and if irrigation remains at or below a personalized schedule for water use over a one-year period.

Procedures to Follow: Submit a brief pre-application online at saws.org. A conservation consultant will be assigned to your project

and call you to schedule a site visit. The same conservation consultant will follow your project throughout the rebate process.

Have a licensed irrigator complete the work.

Once the installation of the redesigned system has been completed, submit a final rebate application and include information on work performed along with original receipts.

For complete details, call 210-704-SAVE (704-7283) or visit saws.org