

Cash For Grass

Turf Replacement Rebate Program

Convert to a Water-Efficient Landscape!

The Town of Yountville offers cash rebates to water customers who replace water-thirsty lawn areas with low-water-use plants and permeable hardscape. Artificial turf installations are not eligible for the rebate. Funding is limited and applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Program is budgeted through June 2021, but the Town reserves the right to terminate this program at any time, for any reason.

Rebate Offer

\$1.00 per square foot of turf removed, with per site maximum of:

\$750 for Single-Family Residential (equivalent to 750 sq. ft.)

\$2,500 for Commercial/Multi-Family (equivalent to 2,500 sq. ft.)

'Flip Your Strip' Bonus: Parking strip areas between the sidewalk and street are rebated an extra \$1.00 for a total of **\$2.00 per square foot**, and are **excluded from the per site maximum**.

Customers must consent to **brief Pre- and Post-Inspection site visits** by the Water Conservation Representative in order to apply and qualify for the Cash For Grass rebate.

At the **Pre-Inspection**, the Water Conservation Representative will measure the proposed conversion area and verify that the site meets the program's terms and conditions. If approved, the Town will mail a **Notice to Proceed** letter to the customer.

Lawn conversions **must be completed within four (4) months** of the Notice to Proceed. To ensure water savings are achieved, the converted area must remain in compliance with program terms and conditions for a **period of five (5) years** following receipt of the rebate. An applicant may be charged part or all of the rebate amount at the Town's discretion if the terms or conditions have been violated. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this requirement is void upon transfer of ownership.

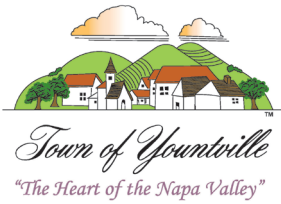
Following the **Post-Inspection** visit and **Final Approval**, the Town will issue rebate check to the eligible applicant within **four (4) weeks**.

Terms and Conditions

- Program is open to properties served by a **Town of Yountville water account**. Applicant's account must be in good standing.
- Lawn areas to be converted must be historically maintained and irrigated. *Dirt areas that show no signs of the presence of lawn, or lawns removed prior to Town pre-inspection, are not eligible.*
- **Landscaping Requirements for Converted Area:**
 - 50% Plant Cover** - Plants must cover at least 50% of the converted area once fully grown. **Parking strips are exempt.**
 - Plants** - must be drought tolerant and adapted to our climate. Helpful resources for water-wise plant selection are available at **townofyountville.com**. All planting areas must have a minimum of three (3) inches of mulch.
 - Hardscape** - must be permeable (e.g., decomposed granite) and cannot exceed 50% of the converted area.
Impermeable surfaces such as concrete are not eligible.
- **NOTE: Artificial Turf** is not eligible for rebate as it does not meet the definition of sustainable landscaping for State grants.
- **Irrigation system** for the converted area, *if used*, must be **low-volume drip irrigation**. System must be in good working order, free of leaks/malfunctions. If only part of a lawn is converted, new planting area must be irrigated on a separate valve from the remaining lawn. Sprinkler system for the remaining lawn must be modified to avoid spray onto the converted area.
- **Tenants/Renters:** If applicant is not the property owner, written consent from the property owner must be provided to the Water Conservation Representative at the Pre-Inspection visit.
- At Post-Inspection, applicant must provide a **list** of plants and hardscape materials used in the conversion (may be handwritten). If conversion fails inspection, applicant will be given thirty (30) days to bring project into compliance.
- Offer is limited to **one** Cash For Grass rebate per account.

Steps to Participate

1. Call the Town of Yountville at (707) 944-8851 to verify that your site's water account is eligible; await follow-up contact from the Water Conservation Representative to schedule a brief Pre-Inspection visit to have the lawn area measured.
2. Following Pre-Inspection, await receipt of Notice to Proceed letter and pre-approved Application from the Town. *Do not remove lawn until you receive these documents in the mail.*
3. Remove the lawn area and install your project according to the program Terms and Conditions. *Find helpful resources in the Water Conservation section at **townofyountville.com**.*
4. Call the Water Conservation Representative at (707) 257-9309 to schedule a Post-Inspection visit. *Post-Inspection must take place within four (4) months of the Notice to Proceed.*
5. Provide at Post-Inspection your final completed Application (including Social Security #) and a list of plants and materials used in the conversion. *Rebate check will be issued within four (4) weeks.*



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Application

NAME _____ DAYTIME TELEPHONE _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____
(where rebate check should be sent)

City

State

Zip Code

SITE ADDRESS _____
(where lawn will be converted, if different from above)

City

State

Zip Code

OWN _____ RENT _____

WATER ACCOUNT # _____ SOCIAL SECURITY # _____

By signing this application, I agree to the Terms and Conditions of the Town of Yountville Cash For Grass Program. I agree to not re-install turf in the converted area or to revert its irrigation system to overhead spray. I acknowledge that the converted area must remain in compliance for a period of five (5) years or the rebate may be partially or fully forfeited to the Town.

Applicant Signature _____

Date _____

Applicant Final Checklist:

___ I have had a Pre-Inspection verifying lawn area to be removed. *Town Staff must date and initial in the area below.*

___ I have had a Post-Inspection and Final Approval. *Town Staff must date and initial in the area below.*

___ I am submitting this completed application, a list of plants and materials used in the conversion, to:

Town of Yountville Cash For Grass Program

Questions? Please Call (707) 257-9309

Town of Yountville Use Only:

PRE-INSPECTION DATE _____ Water Staff Initial _____

Total Area of Lawn at Site _____ **Total Area of Lawn to be Removed** _____

Sprinkler Station Number(s) for old Lawn Area _____

POST-INSPECTION DATE _____ Water Staff Initial _____

___ Single-Family ___ Commercial/Multi/HOA **Approved Rebate Amount** _____