

Extensive Low Water Use Plant List:

- http://ucanr.edu/sites/WUCOLS/Download_WUCOLS_IV_List/
- Click on the link to download an Adobe Document or Excel Spreadsheet of the plant list.
- Any plant listed as “VAL” or “L” in Regional Evaluation 1 will qualify unless:
- The plant is listed as invasive (and will not qualify)
- Note: The Excel Spreadsheet is a convenient way to review the information because you can use the *sort* and *filter* features to look at only the vegetation types that interest you.
- **Rain Sensor:**
Sensor must be fully exposed to weather conditions (not under tree or blocked by building)
- Wireless or wired modes are both acceptable

Helpful Links:

- Healdsburg Water-Use Efficiency:
<http://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us>
- Russian River- Friendly Landscaping: <http://www.rrwatershed.org/RRFLG/index.html>
- Qualified Water Efficient Landscaper (for list of graduates): <http://www.qweltraining.com/>
- CA Landscape Contractors Association Certified Water Manager (for list of CLCA Certified Water Managers): <http://www.clca.us/water/index.html>
- Mulching instructions (Pages 8-9 on Bay Friendly Mulch guide: http://www.bawsca.org/docs/mulchguide-2006_BAWSCA.pdf)
- Sonoma County Master Gardeners- for free help with garden design : http://ucanr.edu/sites/scmg/Garden_Sense_Master/Garden_Sense/

Irrigation System:

1. Drip conversion requires adding a pressure regulator (30 psi is standard) and filter on all irrigation zones.
2. No “micro spray” or “shrubbier” devices (precipitation rate too high)
3. Recommend minimal use of ¼” tubing (maintenance problems over time)
4. Recommend no multi-port outlet devices (maintenance problems over time)
5. Permeable hardscape requires that irrigation in that area must be abandoned (remove spray heads, cut out valve).

CITY OF HEALDSBURG

Lawn Conversion Rebate



City of Healdsburg Public Utilities Department

401 Grove Street
Healdsburg, CA 95448
(707) 431-3346



Rebate Amounts (per property):

Residential	\$1.00/sq-ft (max 5,000 sq-ft or \$5,000)
Commercial	\$1.00/sq-ft (max 10,000 sq-ft or \$10,000)

Program Requirements:

- Applicant must own the property or sign a Tenant Permission Form for non-property owners to be eligible to participate in this rebate program.
- Property must have City of Healdsburg water service in good standing.
- Lawn areas to be converted must be currently maintained and irrigated (brown lawns ok). Long dead lawns or lawns already removed at the time of the pre-inspection are not eligible for rebate.
- Applicant agrees to a brief pre and post-inspection.
- Front yard areas where lawn is removed shall be replaced and maintained with low water-use plantings, permeable landscape surfaces (mulch, decorated rock, stone pavers or similar), gardens, trees, shrubs and/or decorative outdoor landscape elements; and shall not be used for vehicle parking. Solid plastic sheeting or bare dirt is not permitted.
- Properties in the Wildland Urban Interface high fire hazard area are required to maintain a 10 foot combustible free zone as a part of the defensible space around all structures free of bark and wood mulches, and other flammable vegetation (e.g., dried grass, weeds, junipers, cypress, etc.). For more information go to <http://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/index.aspx?page=316>
- If lawn is reinstalled within 10 years of the completion date of the lawn conversion project, the entire rebate amount is required to be repaid to the City.
- Applicant grants permission to the City of Healdsburg to use photographs or other media of the property for City promotional and public

Steps to Participate:

1. Call Utility Conservation at (707) 431-3346 to verify eligibility and to schedule a pre-inspection site visit.
 - A. Non-property owners are also required to complete a "Tenant Permission Form", available at <http://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us>.
2. At the pre-inspection:
 - A. Property Owner sign the Lawn Conversion Rebate Application or non-property owners provide completed Tenant Permission Form.
 - B. Lawns must be green, regularly mowed, irrigated and well taken care of (dead lawns or lawns already removed at the time of the pre-inspection are not eligible for rebate).
 - B. City staff will verify the square footage and take photos of grass to be removed.
3. After pre-inspection of site is completed and project is eligibility is approved, you will receive rebate pre-approval You may then proceed with lawn replacement Your project must receive pre-approval in order to qualify for a rebate.
 - A. Replace lawn with low water-use plants or permeable landscape surfaces (mulch, decomposed granite, etc.). Solid plastic sheeting is not permitted.
 - B. Modify the irrigation system to fit the new low water use planting (standard above ground lawn sprinklers are unacceptable). Drip irrigation is recommended and if used must include a pressure regulator and filter on all zones.
 - C. Project must be completed within 120 days from the date of the pre-inspection.
4. After completing the grass replacement project, call Utility Conservation at (707) 431-3346 to schedule a post-inspection site visit.
 - A. Post-inspection must take place within the 120-day period after the pre-inspection.

5. At the post-inspection:
 - A. City staff will verify completion of the grass replacement project.
 - B. Applicant sign the Certificate of Participation and Approval agreement .
6. Rebates will be processed within 4 to 6 weeks of completing post-inspection.

Frequently Asked Questions:

- Q. Does the grass replacement project have to be completed prior to the post-inspection?
- A. Yes. The project must be fully completed prior to the post-inspection. Please refer to your Lawn Conversion Rebate Eligibility Form for site-specific requirements.
- Q. Do I have to have a pre & post-inspection performed?
- A. Yes. The City provides the pre & post-inspection free of charge.
- Q. Do I have to install a rain sensor?
- A. A rain sensor is recommended as it will prevent the irrigation controller from turning on irrigation valves during or shortly after a rainfall.
- Q. Do I qualify if I own a new home or business that does not yet have landscaping, or if I have already completed my landscape project?
- A. No. The rebate does not cover new construction or landscape projects that have already been completed.
- Q. How many times can I apply for a Green Exchange Rebate?
- A. You may apply for a Lawn Conversion Rebate one time only per property.