

XERISCAPE REBATE APPLICATION FORM

TURF TO XERIC CONVERSION, RAINWATER HARVESTING GARDEN AND COMMERCIAL ENHANCED REBATES

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

- 1) VISIT OUR WEBSITE www.abcwua.org/xeriscape or CALL 842-9287 OPTION #4** to learn about the program and to determine if your existing landscape meets the requirements.

- 2) DECIDE WHAT TYPE OF LANDSCAPE YOU WANT TO INSTALL.**
 - A. **Residential Customers** can participate in the standard turf to xeric conversion and/or rainwater harvesting garden rebates. See page 2 for requirements.
 - B. **Commercial Customers** can participate in the standard turf to xeric conversion and/or the enhanced rebates. See page 2 for requirements.

- 3) DEVELOP A LANDSCAPE PLAN.** Use the approved Rainwater, low, and medium water usage plants from our Xeriscaping Guide plant list. List each plant (using the scientific name) and rebate allowance points on the application, page 4. Use the graph paper provided to draw a simple landscape plan, or submit plan designed by a professional.

- 4) REBATES CANNOT BE GIVEN TO WORK THAT IS ALREADY COMPLETE. IT IS REQUIRED THAT A XERISCAPE INSPECTOR REVIEW YOUR PROJECT BEFORE YOU PROCEED.** Call for an initial inspection **BEFORE** removing living, spray irrigated, and high water use turf grass.

- 5) APPLICATION SHALL BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO INITIAL INSPECTION. CALL 842-9287 OPTION #4** to schedule the initial inspection at your property with our xeriscape inspector. Initial inspections occur between 8am and 2pm Monday through Friday. Please allow one to two weeks for availability.

- 6) PROCEED WITH YOUR PROJECT** When your application has been approved, you may begin your project. Funding will be reserved for the anticipated amount of your rebate. 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.

- 7) AFTER COMPLETING PROJECT, CALL 842-9287 OPTION #4 TO SCHEDULE YOUR FINAL INSPECTION.** Have hard copies of material receipts or contractor's final paid invoice available at time of final inspection. Following final inspection and application approval, the ABCWUA will apply the rebate credit to your water bill. Your rebate should appear on your water bill one to two billing cycles after your form is processed.

** Please Note: Rebate credits must remain at the address where the work has taken place. You may not transfer the credit from the location of the savings to another account, even if both properties are owned by the same person.*

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Your irrigation water shall be provided by the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Authority.
- 2) Any turf grass removed shall be designated high water use, according to our Xeriscaping Guide plant list, and currently watered with spray-type irrigation.
- 3) You must convert a minimum of **500 square feet**. Large turf conversions projects may be done in phases.
- 4) **Fifty percent of the project rebate area shall be covered by plants**, as they appear at maturity. Select qualifying Rainwater, low, and medium water usage plants from our Xeriscaping Guide plant list, and claim the mature plant area (**referred to as rebate allowance**). Existing plants **within the area of turf removal**, such as trees, may be incorporated into the design and contribute to the rebate allowance total, provided they are on the Xeriscaping Guide plant list, and are not designated high water use.
- 5) **Spray irrigation is not permitted in the rebate area**. Existing sprinklers shall be converted to a drip, bubbler system, or hand watered. 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 that area will be excluded from the rebate calculation.
- 6) The soil between the plants shall be covered with a minimum of 3 inches mulch. Common mulches are gravel, crusher fines or woodchips, but other materials may qualify. Impervious plastic is not permitted.
- 7) **Residential Customers** qualifying landscapes will receive a maximum of **\$1.00 for every square foot** of high water use turf grass that is converted. (See below for rainwater harvesting rebates).
- 8) **Commercial Customers** qualifying landscapes will receive a maximum of **\$1.50 for every square foot** of high water use turf grass that is converted. (See below for enhanced commercial rebates).
- 9) **Receipts** for plant purchase, irrigation equipment, mulch, or a landscape contractor (if used), shall be provided at final inspection.

RESIDENTIAL RAINWATER HARVESTING GARDEN OR COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS ENHANCED REBATES REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Your water shall be provided by the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority.
- 2) Any turf grass removed must be designated high water use according to our Xeriscaping Guide plant list, and currently watered with spray-type irrigation.
- 3) **Fifty percent of the project rebate area shall be covered by plants**, as they appear at maturity. For rainwater harvesting gardens, select qualifying Rainwater plants (RW) from our Xeriscaping Guide plant list and claim the mature plant area (**referred to as rebate allowance**). Existing plants, such as trees may be incorporated into the design and contribute to the rebate allowance total, provided they are on the Xeriscaping Guide plant list and are listed as rainwater (RW) water use.
- 4) **All plants in the rainwater harvest landscape must be designated as Rainwater (RW) water usage.**
- 5) **All irrigation water for the plants in the Rainwater Harvesting Garden Applications shall be delivered through active or passive rainwater harvesting methods.** Passive methods include contouring the land to direct rainwater to desired planting areas. Active methods are collecting the water in cisterns and then distributing to plants. (You can receive additional rebates for rainwater harvesting cisterns purchased).
- 6) **Commercial customers may qualify for enhanced rebates** when replacing high water use turf grass in small areas (10 feet or less in any dimension), on steep slopes (at least 1:6), or develop a rainwater harvesting plan.
- 7) You shall cover the soil between and beneath the plants with a minimum 3 inches of mulch. Common mulches are gravel, crusher fines or woodchips, but other materials may qualify. Impervious plastic is not permitted.
- 8) **Residential Customers participating in the rainwater harvesting garden rebate program** will receive **\$1.50 for every square foot** converted.
- 9) **Commercial Customers** participating in the **enhanced rebates** program will receive **\$2.00 for every square foot** converted.
- 10) **Receipts** for plant purchases, irrigation equipment, soil amendments, or landscape contractor (if used), shall be provided at the final inspection.



Rebate Number _____
(ABCWUA use only)

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Complete this form and call **842-9287, OPTION #4** for an appointment

Property Owner _____

Address _____ Zip Code _____

Day Phone _____ email address _____

Water Account Number _____

Please check customer type:

Residential Customer

Commercial Customer

Check additional rebates that you will be applying for:

Sod Removal Rental Equipment Rebate
(25% up to \$50.00)

Compost Rebate
(25% up to \$100.00)

TO COMPLETE NEXT PART OF APPLICATION FORM:

A) Measure the square feet of turf grass to be converted.

B) *If applicable*, measure the area selected as Rainwater Harvesting Landscape.

C) Total rebate allowance shall be equal or greater than half of total square feet converted (new and existing to remain plants to be included in total rebate point allowance).

A. _____ Square feet of turf grass to be converted to xeric landscape

B. _____ Square feet of turf grass to be converted to rainwater harvesting landscape or
commercial enhanced rebate areas

C. _____ Total Rebate Allowance (plant coverage)

D. ***Amount of rebate to be credited to the above account number.***

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LANDSCAPE PLAN

(If used, include rain water harvesting plans)

Account # _____ One Square Inch = _____ feet

Address _____

