



## Solvang Landscape Rebate Program

October 1, 2014, thru September 30, 2016

- I. Goals of Solvang Landscape Rebate Program:
  - a. Provide incentive to modify landscape to use less water and use water more efficiently.
  - b. Educate residents and customers on how to conserve water.
  - c. Help save customers' money on their water bill.
  - d. Helps conserve water for the City of Solvang and the State of California.
  - e. Benefit endangered species such as the Southern Steelhead Trout.
  
- II. Eligibility:
  - a. All Solvang water customers qualify including schools and other public facilities.
  - b. Must be a water customer of the city of Solvang for the past 12 months.
  - c. Must be landscape that is not already conserving water in an efficient way.
  
- III. Details of Solvang Landscape Rebate Program:
  - a. No general labor will be rebated.
  - b. Customer can receive a rebate for 50% of the landscape design cost, up to \$250 (included in the allowed amount).
  - c. Rebates are awarded for 50% of the cost of approved equipment and materials up to \$1,000 for single family residential and \$4,000 per facility for commercial, multifamily, and HOA's (landscape design cost included).
  - d. There needs to be a pre and post installation inspection.
  - e. Landscape Methods:
    - i. High efficiency irrigation (smart controllers, rotating nozzles, drip irrigation, etc.).
    - ii. Water wise or drought tolerant plants.
    - iii. Removal of turf areas (cash for grass).
    - iv. Dedicated landscape meters, in place of mixed master meters.
    - v. **Rain barrels or tanks and associated equipment.**
    - vi. Rain gardens, xeriscapes and associated equipment.
    - vii. Mulch, flag stone, decomposed granite, pavers or other groundcover.
  - f. Approximately 50% of converted landscape must be covered by drought tolerant plants.
  - g. Keep and attach all receipts for purchased materials and design cost to application form and include a list of installed plants as well as estimated square foot of lawn conversion. (Please ask your contractor for a separate invoice for materials stating: "Labor Billed Separately.")
  
- IV. Follow These Steps:
  - a. Check out the information regarding Solvang Landscape Rebate Program.
  - b. Determine if your property is eligible to undergo the landscape changes to meet the requirements of the City's rebate program (**see II. Eligibility**). Call the City of Solvang for a pre installation inspection and schedule a day in which the City can send someone over. (**Public Works 688-5575**).
  - c. Once you have received a pre-approval inspection from the City, obtain an application.
  - d. Design either on your own or with a landscape designer how and what changes you want to make with the eligible equipment and materials. At least 50% of converted landscape must be covered in drought tolerant plants (see III. Details of Solvang Landscape Rebate program).
  - e. Purchase eligible equipment and materials and make sure to keep receipt(s) (**see III. g.**)
  - f. Make changes to your landscape so that it uses less water.
  - g. Fill out application for Solvang Landscape Rebate Program with attached receipts and current copy of Solvang Water bill.
  - h. Arrange for post installation inspection. (**Public Works 688-5575**).
  - i. If your property passes inspection, you receive rebate check in the mail.
  - j. Rebates shall be on a one-time basis per address or customer.

*Solvang Landscape Rebate Program - Application Form*

**Mail Application to:**

**City of Solvang, Solvang Landscape Rebate Program, 411 Second Street, Solvang, CA 93463**

Name (Last Name, First Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Water Account Number (taken from the water bill): \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone #: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone #: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Checks payable to (water customer of record name): \_\_\_\_\_

**Rebate Agreement – Release of Liability**

Rebate check will be made payable to the water customer of record, unless otherwise stated. The City may deny any application that does not meet all the requirements, which can be obtained by meeting the eligibility, following the details and steps. The City reserves the right to alter this program at any time. The undersigned agrees to allow the City to inspect all landscape being renovated for the Solvang Rebate Program. The City is not responsible for the quality of the materials purchased or landscape design. The City does not warrant or guarantee lower water use as a result of the landscape changes. The undersigned agrees to hold harmless the City of Solvang, its Council Members, officers, employees, and agents from and against all loss, damage, expense and liability resulting from or otherwise relating to the purchase of equipment and materials, removal of preexisting grass or other plants that are not drought tolerant, the planting of drought tolerant plants, and the installation of high efficiency irrigation. By accepting this rebate, the Applicant shall release to the City of Solvang, its agents, and its employees all rights to exhibit those media in print and electronic form publically and privately for any purpose in the normal course of business. The Applicant waives any rights, claims, or interested to control the likeness or identification used in whatever media used. Rebates are limited to a first come first serve basis. By signing this form I agree that I have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions of the Solvang Landscape Rebate Program, including the eligibility, details, and steps required to complete the rebate.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Customer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach all receipts and a current copy of your Solvang Water Bill to this application form.**

**END OF APPLICANT FORM**

**INSPECTOR PORTION**

- Took photos and confirmed vegetation and landscape was not drought tolerant.
- Took photos and confirmed irrigation was at a low efficiency level.

**Date of Pre-Qualification Inspection:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Inspector:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Took photos and confirmed vegetation and landscape was converted to a drought tolerant environment
- Took photos and confirmed irrigation was upgraded to a high efficiency level.

**Date of Post Inspection:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Inspector:** \_\_\_\_\_