

## **RULE 141 - DEFINITIONS**

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## **RULE 141 - WATER CONSERVATION REBATES**

### **A. QUALIFYING DEVICES**

Rebates are available for purchase of the following Qualifying Devices within the boundaries of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District. Qualifying Devices and the associated Rebate amount are shown in Table XIV-1.

### **B. REBATE AMOUNTS**

Rebates shall be issued by the District on a first-come, first-served basis as long as funds remain available. Rebate amounts shall be listed in Table XIV-1 which may be modified from time to time by resolution of the Board. At no time shall a Rebate exceed the purchase price of the Qualifying Device.

**Table XIV-1**  
**Rebate Amounts**  
**Updated February 13, 2023**

<b>Qualifying Device</b>	<b>Maximum Rebate</b>
High Efficiency Toilet	\$75
Ultra High Efficiency Toilet	\$125
Toilet Flapper	\$15
Pint Urinal (in a Residential use only)	\$250
Zero Water Consumption Urinal	\$250
High Efficiency Dishwasher (Residential)	\$125
High Efficiency Clothes Washer (Residential)	\$500
Instant-Access Hot Water System (per Qualifying Property)	\$200
On-demand hot water pump or point of source water heater (maximum of two per Qualifying Property)	\$100
Smart Flowmeter (one per User on a Site)	\$200
Graywater Irrigation System supplied by one Clothes Washer	\$100
Graywater Irrigation System supplied by one or more Bathrooms that have a Bathtub/Shower connected to a Graywater Irrigation System. Residential limit: 4.	\$100 per Bathroom
Non-Residential Graywater system	Case-by-case basis
Weather Based or Smart Irrigation Controller	\$100 for up to four stations. An additional \$10 shall be available per station up to twenty (20) stations
Soil Moisture Sensor(s) on a conventional automatic Irrigation System (gypsum block Soil Moisture Sensors shall not qualify for Rebate)	\$25
Cistern water tanks installed on Sites supplied with water from the Monterey Peninsula Water Resource System (per Qualifying Property)	\$50 per 100 gallons for the first 500 gallons and \$25 per 100 gallons of water storage capacity to a maximum storage capacity of 25,000 gallons
Lawn removal and replacement with low water use plants or permeable surfaces <sup>1</sup> (Prequalification required - See MPWMD Rule 141-F)	\$1.00 per square-foot to a maximum of 2,500 square-feet
Rotating Sprinkler Nozzle (minimum purchase and installation of ten)	\$4 each
Water Broom	\$150

<sup>1</sup> Lawn removal Rebate at a Public facility may exceed the square-footage limitation subject to Board approval.

Commercial High Efficiency Clothes Washer <sup>2</sup>	\$1,000
Commercial Ozone Laundry System	\$1,000
Cooling Tower Conductivity Controller	\$1,000
Cooling Tower Conductivity/pH Controller	\$2,500
High Efficiency Connectionless Food Steamer (per compartment)	\$1,500
Commercial Waterless Wok Stove	\$5,000
Water Efficient Commercial Steam or Combi Oven	\$2,500
High Efficiency Commercial Dishwasher	
Under counter model	\$1,000
Single tank door type model	\$1,500
Single tank conveyor	\$2,000
Multi-tank conveyor	\$2,500
X-ray film processor recirculation system	\$2,500
Medical equipment steam sterilizer retrofit with a water tempering device	\$1,500
Dry Vacuum Pump (per 0.05 HP to a limit of 4 HP)	\$200
Removal of whirlpool (or jetted water system) bathtub in Visitor-Serving Facility	\$250
Multi-Family Dwelling Meter Split	\$100/dwelling unit
Smart Toilet Leak Detectors installed in Visitor Serving Facilities and Master Metered Multi-Family Housing	25 percent of the cost of 20 or more smart toilet leak detector units to a maximum of \$15,000

<sup>2</sup> Available only to Residential Sites with up to three Dwelling Units. Required for all Non-Residential and Common Laundry Rooms at Multi-Family Sites with four or more units.

*Table added by Ordinance No. 163 (3/16/2015) and revised by Resolution 2015-04 (4/20/2015); Resolution 2015-25 (12/14/2015); Ordinance No. 176 (1/25/2017; Ordinance No. 177 (9/18/2017); Resolution 2021-09 (June 21, 2021); Resolution 2021-16 (12/13/2021); Resolution No. 2023-03 (2/13/2023)*

**C. REBATE ELIGIBILITY**

1. Rebates shall be issued for Qualifying Devices installed on Sites located within the District that are served by Water Distribution Systems regulated by the District. The Site shall be in compliance with District Rules prior to issuance of a Rebate.
2. No Rebate shall be issued for installation of Qualifying Devices that are required to be installed and maintained by Regulation II (Permits) or Regulation XIV (Water Conservation) of the District with the exception of High Efficiency Toilets installed at Sites owned and operated by California Non-Profit Corporations. No Rebate shall be issued for installation of Qualifying Devices that were required to obtain a Water Permit. Rebates shall be available until the date the retrofit becomes mandatory, such as the date a Change of Ownership or Change of Use occurs or a Water Permit is issued unless modified by the Board of Directors. Rebates shall not be available for Qualifying Devices that have been required to be installed and maintained by local, State, or Federal water conservation programs.
3. Rebates shall be available only for the initial purchase of a Qualifying Device. Rebates shall not be issued for replacement of an existing Qualifying Device except for High Efficiency Clothes Washers that have been removed from the Qualifying Property by a previous owner/tenant or that are being replaced after eight or more years and High Efficiency Dishwashers and Ultra High Efficiency Toilets replaced after ten years. Applicants submitting an application for a High Efficiency Clothes Washer Rebate on a Site that has previously qualified for a High Efficiency Clothes Washer Rebate may be required to provide information to substantiate a subsequent Rebate.
4. Ultra High Efficiency Toilets shall meet or exceed the EPA WaterSense labeling criteria and shall bear the WaterSense Label and be listed on the WaterSense website.
5. Rebates shall be available for a maximum of twenty (20) toilets on all Non-Residential Qualifying Properties with the exception of Qualifying Properties owned and operated by a California Non-Profit Corporation or that participate in the District's High Efficiency Appliance Retrofit Target (HEART) program.
6. Outdoor Water Use Rebates
  - a. Rebates for Cisterns shall be limited to 25,000 gallons of storage capacity on a Qualifying Property. All Cistern Rebate Sites shall have sufficient roof area to fill the capacity of the Cistern(s) after first flush during a "normal" Water Year and may require verification of usable roof area by Site inspection.

- b. Rebates for Lawn removal shall be available only to Qualifying Properties irrigated with water from the Monterey Peninsula Water Resource System.
  - c. To be eligible for any Rebate for Lawn Removal, Lawns must be green, regularly maintained at a low even height, irrigated regularly, and be well cared for at the time of application for a Rebate. Dead Lawns or Lawns that have been removed prior to issuance of a Lawn Rebate prequalification statement from the District shall not be eligible for a Rebate.
  - d. A minimum of 250 square-feet of Lawn shall be removed to qualify for Rebate.
  - e. Eligibility for any Lawn Removal Rebate shall be determined upon receipt of a complete application as described in Rule 141-E. The District will notify the Applicant by written prequalification documentation that the proposed Lawn removal and replacement proposal has been “prequalified.”
7. Non-Residential Rebates
- a. An X-ray film processor recirculation system shall be listed as a qualifying model by the California Urban Water Conservation Council Resource Center.
  - b. Rebates for Dry Vacuum Pumps shall be available only when the Qualifying Device is replacing a water (liquid) ring pump.
  - c. Rebates for retrofitting medical steam sterilizers with water tempering devices are limited to those sterilizers that use a continuous water flow to cool the steam discharge.

#### **D. CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**

- 1. Applications for all Rebates with the exception of Lawn removal Rebates, shall be submitted within 120 days of purchase of Qualifying Devices.
- 2. Applicant shall install the fixture and/or appliance at the property listed on the application form.
- 3. Applicant shall certify under the penalty of perjury that the information on the application is true and complete.
- 4. Rebates shall only be granted for Qualifying Devices that meet the definitions as provided in Rule 11.

5. Applicant agrees that the District may conduct an inspection of the Rebate Site to verify installation of Qualifying Devices.
6. Rebates for Weather Based Irrigation Controllers
  - a. Rebates shall only be granted for Weather Based Irrigation Controllers that meet minimum quality and dependability requirements as determined by product testing conducted by the Irrigation Association.
  - b. Irrigation System shall be a fully operational, and shall be efficiently designed, or modified if necessary, to include proper distribution uniformity, matched spray heads or emitters with similar precipitation rates, efficient hydrozoning, and proper spacing.
  - c. Site shall include at least 1,500 square-feet of automatically irrigated Landscaping.
  - d. Recipients of Rebates for Weather Based Irrigation Controllers shall agree to have a deed restriction recorded on the title of the property allowing public access to water use records prior to issuance of a Rebate. The application shall not be deemed complete until the deed restriction document has been notarized and returned to the District and has been successfully recorded. Rejected notarizations shall void the date of completion until the document has been recorded.
7. Rebates for Lawn removal and replacement with low water use plants or permeable surfaces.
  - a. Lawn removal and replacement at a Qualifying Property shall be subject to annual visual verification by the District.
  - b. Determinations of eligibility for Lawn removal and replacement Rebates shall be at the discretion of the General Manager.
  - c. Applications for Lawn removal Rebates shall require prequalification. The prequalification process is explained in Rule 141-F-2, Process.
  - d. Lawn must be replaced with low water use plants or permeable surfaces (e.g., mulch, decomposed granite, Synthetic Turf, permeable pavers). Concrete and grouted pavers do not qualify.
  - e. If converted area is irrigated, a Drip Irrigation System must be installed and maintained. Overhead irrigation shall not be installed.
  - f. Planted areas must be mulched to a minimum depth of three inches from the plant to the drip line of the plant.

- g. Lawn shall not be relocated to another area on the Site. The total Lawn area shall be listed on the deed restriction that restricts the changed Landscaped Area for fifteen (15) years.
  - h. Recipients of Rebates for Lawn removal shall agree to have a deed restriction recorded on the title of the property allowing public access to water use records prior to issuance of a Rebate. The application shall not be deemed complete until the deed restriction document has been notarized and returned to the District and has been successfully recorded. Rejected notarizations shall void the date of completion until the document has been recorded.
  - i. Lawn removal Rebates shall require recordation of a deed restriction on the title of the property prior to release of Rebate funds that specifies that the property is restricted to the changed Landscaped Area for a period of fifteen (15) years. The deed restriction shall be rescinded upon repayment to the District of the full Rebate amount and any processing fee required pursuant to Regulation VI, Fees. The application shall not be deemed complete until the deed restriction document has been notarized and returned to the District and has been successfully recorded.
- 8. Graywater Irrigation System Rebates shall be granted when the following conditions have been met:
  - a. Applicant shall comply with the Monterey County Department of Health's Graywater Irrigation Systems Permitting Process and Design Criteria.
  - b. Any necessary building/plumbing permits have been completed and copies provided with the Rebate application.
  - c. MPWMD staff may verify Graywater Irrigation Systems by Site inspection or other means.
- 9. Multi-Family Dwelling Meter Split Rebates shall only be approved and processed after verification that a Water Meter has been installed by the Water Distribution System Operator.
- 10. Rebates for Smart Flowmeters. Qualifying Devices shall meet the following requirements:
  - a. Eligible Smart Flowmeters shall measure total water usage at least hourly and report water usage on a web portal or smartphone application.
  - b. Limit of one Smart Flowmeter Rebate per User on a Parcel.

- c. An Applicant for a Smart Flowmeter shall obtain authorization from the Water Distribution System Operator when a flowmeter is attached to the Water Meter.
- d. The Smart Flowmeter shall be designed for at least two years of continuous operation.
- e. Property owner shall agree to keep the flowmeter installed and operational for a minimum of two years.
- f. Applicant shall submit a photograph of the installed Smart Flowmeter with the Rebate application.

**E. APPLICATION**

- 1. A completed application for Rebate shall include the name and address of the Applicant, property owner's name, telephone numbers, address of property where the fixture and/or Qualifying Device is being installed, Assessor's Parcel Number, water company account number, date of retrofit, brand and model of Qualifying Device installed, name of installer and receipt for the purchase of the appliance. The application shall also request information about how the Applicant learned of the Rebate program.
- 2. Lawn removal Rebate applications shall follow the process shown in Rule 141-F-2.
- 3. Applications for Rebate shall include either the original or a full copy of the receipt for purchase.
- 4. Written authorization of the current property owner or property manager shall be required for Applicants who are not the owners of the property for which a Rebate is requested. The authorization must indicate consent to the Applicant receiving a Rebate for installation of the Qualifying Devices. Applications submitted without approval will be denied.

**F. PROCESS**

- 1. Upon receipt of an application, the District shall verify completion and accuracy of information and shall verify the purchase of the Qualifying Device(s) by reviewing the purchase receipt(s).
- 2. Lawn removal Rebate application process.
  - a. Prequalification: Applicants must complete and submit a Lawn Rebate application form that includes the following documents:
    - (1) Water records (either copies of bills or a printout from the



Water Distribution System) for the two most recent years;

- (2) A drawn Site plan showing a detailed description (including measured areas) of the Lawn replacement project, including square-footage of Lawn to be removed, names and numbers of plants or other surfaces to be installed, and the irrigation plan.
  - (3) Two to three current photographs of the Lawn to be removed. A minimum of 250 square-feet of Lawn shall be removed to qualify for Rebate.
- b. The Lawn Rebate Application shall be reviewed for completeness. The Applicant may be contacted to arrange a Site inspection to verify the Lawn.
  - c. When a determination has been made that removal of Lawn will result in permanent and quantifiable water savings, and when present funding is available in an amount sufficient to fund a Rebate for the Lawn removal, the District shall issue a Lawn Rebate prequalification letter. The Applicant shall have 120 days from the date of the prequalification letter to complete the project and submit receipts, arrange for a final inspection by the District, and successfully record deed restrictions. Applications not completed within 120 days of the date of the prequalification letter shall be denied.
  - d. Rebates shall be subject to availability of funding.
3. The District shall search its records and shall verify compliance with previous retrofit requirements. If no violation is found, a Rebate shall be processed if funds are available in the Rebate Account.
  4. Information contained on the application shall be added to the District's records for future use in assessing water savings achieved through the Rebate Program.
  5. When funds are available in the Rebate Account, a Rebate check shall be processed and mailed to the Applicant.

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