

MPWMD Residential and Commercial Rebate Program Terms and Conditions

Rule 141

Rebate Eligibility

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.

No Rebate shall be issued for installation of Qualifying Devices that are required to be installed and maintained by Regulation XIV of the District, and no Rebate shall be issued for installation of Qualifying Devices that have been used to obtain a Water Permit. Rebates shall be available for all retrofits until the date the retrofit becomes mandatory, such as the date a Change of Ownership or Change of Use occurs, a Water Permit is issued, or the date a Non-Residential retrofit is required pursuant to Regulation XIV. Rebates shall not be available for Qualifying Devices that become mandated by local, State, or Federal water conservation programs.

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 with the exception of Clothes Washers that have been removed from the Qualifying Property by a previous owner/tenant. 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.

Conditions of Approval (All Rebates)

Applications for all Rebates, with the exception of Lawn Removal Rebates (see below), shall be submitted within 120 days of purchase of Qualifying Devices.

Applicant shall install the fixture and/or appliance at the property listed on the application form.

Applicant shall certify under the penalty of perjury that the information on the application is true and complete.

Rebates shall only be granted for Qualifying Devices that meet the definitions as provided in MPWMD Rule 11.

Applicant agrees that the District may conduct an inspection of the Rebate Site to verify installation of Qualifying Devices.

Ultra High Efficiency Toilets (0.8 gpf)

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.

WaterSense labeled products undergo rigorous testing and must meet performance standards to receive the WaterSense logo.

Cistern Rebates

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 shall require verification of usable roof area by Site inspection.

Graywater Rebates

Graywater Irrigation System Rebates shall be granted when the following conditions have been met:

Applicant shall comply with the Monterey County Department of Health’s Graywater Irrigation Systems Permitting Process and Design Criteria.

Any necessary building/plumbing permits have been completed and copies provided with the Rebate application.

MPWMD staff may verify Graywater Irrigation Systems by Site inspection or other means.

Non-Residential Rebates

Water Efficient Ice Machines shall be listed by the Consortium for Energy Efficiency (CEE) on Tier II.

An X-ray film processor recirculation system shall be listed as a qualifying model by the California Urban Water Conservation Council Resource Center.

Rebates for Dry Vacuum Pumps shall be available only when the Qualifying Device is replacing a water (liquid) ring pump.

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.

Rebates for Commercial High Efficiency Clothes Washers shall be limited to twenty (20) per Site unless specific authorization for a greater number has been secured from the General Manager.

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.

Weather Based Irrigation Controller Rebates

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.

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 hydro-zoning, and proper spacing.

Site shall include at least 1,500 square-feet of automatically irrigated Landscaping.

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.

Lawn Removal Rebate

Applications for Lawn removal Rebates require prequalification.

Rebates for Lawn removal shall be available only to Qualifying Properties irrigated with water from the Monterey Peninsula Water Resource System.

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.

A minimum of 250 square-feet of Lawn shall be removed to qualify for Rebate.

Eligibility for any Lawn Removal Rebate shall be determined upon receipt of a complete application as described in MPWMD Rule 141-E. The District will notify the Applicant by written prequalification documentation that the proposed Lawn removal and replacement proposal has been “prequalified.”

Lawn removal and replacement at a Qualifying Property shall be subject to annual visual verification by the District.

Determinations of eligibility for Lawn removal and replacement Rebates shall be at the discretion of the General Manager.

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.

If converted area is irrigated, a Drip Irrigation System must be installed and maintained. Overhead irrigation shall not be installed.

Planted areas must be mulched to a minimum depth of three inches from the plant to the drip line of the plant.

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.

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.

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.

Rejected notarizations shall void the date of completion until the document has been recorded.

Lawn Removal Rebate 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.

The Lawn Rebate Application shall be reviewed for completeness, and when removal of the Lawn will result in documentable water savings, the Applicant shall be contacted to arrange a Site inspection to verify the Lawn.

Following a Site inspection, 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.

Rebates shall be subject to availability of funding.

[1] Capitalized terms are defined in MPWMD Rule 11