

ROWLAND WATER DISTRICT – FRONT YARD LANDSCAPE MAKEOVER PROGRAM

Application Package

Instructions

1. Please read this package including the terms and rules in its entirety.
2. To participate in the program, please submit the following:
 - Original completed application, signed by the property owner
 - Copy of current water bill
 - 2-3 recent color photos of your front yard ***Maximum square footage limits will apply*
Keep copies for your records. Photos will not be returned.**
 - Proof of household income
3. Low-income households—according to the HHS Poverty Guidelines for 2022—will receive priority consideration.

2022 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia¹

Persons in family/household	Poverty guideline
1	\$13,590
2	18,310
3	23,030
4	27,750
5	32,470
6	37,190
7	41,910
8	46,630

For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,720 for each additional person.

4. Rowland Water District (RWD) will confirm an applicant’s eligibility and the availability of funds and contractors.

¹ Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines, 87 Fed. Reg. 3315, 3316 (Jan. 21, 2022).

5. RWD will contact applicants to schedule a pre-conversion site inspection to verify the project area (measurements, photos, etc.).
6. Applicants will have the option to select from Mediterranean, Pollinator, or Succulent landscaping themes.
 - Mediterranean
 - Pollinator
 - Succulent
7. RWD will send a Program Authorization Letter to the customer acknowledging participation, the square footage of the landscape project, the selected theme, and estimates for project dates and completions. The project will be scheduled to begin on a date after RWD mails this letter.
8. RWD will fund all costs related to the landscape makeover including plants, material, and labor.
9. RWD and its agents and contractors will perform all work related to the landscape makeover.
10. RWD and agents and its contractors will have access to the property receiving the landscape makeover to make the improvements, which may include but is not limited to the removal of turf, the installation of California and conservation-friendly plants and features, and the installation of landscaping devices.

Rules

Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicants must be a single-family residential customer with a RWD account in good standing for at least 12 months prior to the date of application. To be in good standing, an applicant must not have been late, or otherwise delinquent, in regard to water service accounts and must not be in violation of any ordinances or regulations adopted or enforced by Rowland Heights, Hacienda Heights, La Puente or the cities of Industry and West Covina.
2. RWD will inspect each site to determine eligibility, site-specific requirements, and project planning **prior to** program acceptance.
3. Property owner must allow unrestricted access to the property area that will be converted once accepted into the program.
4. All conversions will comply with all applicable laws, codes, covenants, conditions, and restrictions.

Program Requirements

1. Customers must maintain the landscaping for three (3) years after the date of project approval.
The completed project area must also remain in compliance with these terms for a period of at least 3 years from the date of project approval. The project area may be inspected periodically to ensure that the project area is in compliance with all program terms and being maintained properly. If this requirement is not met, you may be required to refund all or a portion of the costs of the project incurred by RWD, which may be recovered by RWD through the addition of a surcharge on your water bill over whatever period of time is deemed appropriate by RWD. This requirement will cease upon transfer of ownership to an unrelated party.
2. Customers must allow RWD to take photographs of the front yard to include in RWD media outreach.
3. Customers must post RWD signage on the front yard as provided by RWD.
4. Customers must allow RWD and its contractors and agents access to the property for the duration of the program. Any denial of entry may result in delays, unfinished projects, costs, or other negative outcomes, including RWD's termination of the program, if RWD and its contractors and agents cannot enter to conduct a site visit, work on the property or verify maintenance or signage.
5. If applicant is approved for this program, the applicant may not apply for any other rebates related to landscape conversions, such as MWD's turf removal program through socialwatersmart.com
6. Applicants must complete the attached application online at rwd.org/landscape-makeover-program/ to be eligible.
7. The Front Yard Landscape Makeover Program, and the terms and conditions set forth herein, are subject to change pursuant to RWD's discretion. The program will prioritize low-income households, and then will review applications on a first-come, first-serve basis subject to program funding availability, budgetary constraints, and the limited duration of this program. Customer acknowledges that RWD has complete discretion to determine whether to proceed or not with a submitted application based on RWD's priorities, funding, or any other reason(s).
8. All conversions will comply with all applicable laws, codes, covenants, conditions, and restrictions.
9. RWD may, in its sole discretion, terminate the Customer's project if the Customer fails to comply with any of the Program requirements in this Application Package. In the case of termination, RWD is under no obligation to continue any project or return a front yard to its original condition.

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(One front yard project per address)

Applicant Information <i>(please print)</i>			
Property Owner:		Contact Person (if different from Property Owner):	
Daytime Phone Number:		Email:	
Service Address:		City:	State: Zip:
Are you applying for priority consideration as a low-income household? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		If yes, attach proof of income. Household income:	
Project Information			
Property Address:		City:	State: Zip:
Account Number (include copy of recent water bill):		Total Lot Size:	
Describe area(s) in the front yard that the owner is applying for to be converted and the estimated square footage of the area(s) (provide 2-3 photos of each area):			
<input type="checkbox"/> TOTAL SQ. FEET: _____ <i>Estimated square feet of front yard</i>			
How is the yard irrigated now? <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic sprinklers <input type="checkbox"/> Manual Sprinklers <input type="checkbox"/> Hand water <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____			
What type of irrigation controller do you use? <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic controller <input type="checkbox"/> Smart controller <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____			
Please select a California-Native landscaping conversion theme: <input type="checkbox"/> Mediterranean <input type="checkbox"/> Pollinator <input type="checkbox"/> Succulent			
Please check this box to acknowledge that the customer must maintain the landscape conversion for three (3) years. This requirement will cease upon transfer of ownership to an unrelated party. <input type="checkbox"/> I acknowledge that I, _____ (name), the customer, must maintain the landscape conversion for three years or risk being required to refund all or a portion of the landscape makeover costs incurred by RWD for labor and materials.			

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Disclaimer

The Rowland Water District (RWD) makes no representation or warranty relating to contracted services or products that may be installed in converted areas, including any hazardous substances that may be contained in the product. Removal of turf and installation of water efficient devices does not guarantee reduced water use.

By participating in the program, applicant waives and releases RWD, and its contractors and agents from any and all claims and causes of action arising out of the removal of turf and/or the purchase, installation or use of devices in connection with this Front Yard Landscape Makeover Program, or unexpected delays or shortages.

RWD enforces the terms and conditions of the Front Yard Landscape Makeover Program. The applicant is responsible for complying with all applicable laws, codes, policies, covenants, conditions, and restrictions that may apply. Failure to allow entry onto the property or maintain the property in program compliance may result in termination of the program and the participant being required to refund all or a portion of the landscape makeover. By signing below, the applicant consents to the recovery by RWD of all or a portion of the costs of the landscape makeover for a property that is not maintained in compliance with the program, through the addition of a surcharge on the applicant's water bill over whatever period of time is deemed appropriate by RWD.

Right of Entry

By signing below, the applicant represents that he or she is the owner of the real property for which a front yard landscape makeover is requested ("Property"), and that he or she has the right to authorize RWD and its contractors and agents to enter onto the Property. The applicant authorizes RWD and its contractors and agents to enter upon any portion of the Property as described in this application, at any time without further notice to the applicant or any occupant of the Property, for the purpose of conducting a site visit, landscaping the Property as agreed upon, verifying the Property's landscaping described in this application or verifying the ongoing maintenance of the converted area.

Right to Use Photographs

By signing below, the applicant grants to RWD and its contractors and agents a license to publish, advertise, and otherwise use any photographs submitted by the applicant. The applicant understands and acknowledges that RWD may include such photographs in brochures, on websites, and other materials advertising the Front Yard Landscape Makeover Program without compensation to the applicant.

Signature (required)

By signing below, the applicant agrees to comply with the program terms and conditions, as well as all Federal, State and local codes, including covenants, conditions and restrictions, as applicable. The applicant has read, understands and agrees to the terms and conditions of the program as outlined and certifies that the information on the application is complete and accurate.

Property Owner Signature:

Print Name:

Date:



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