



WATERWISE RAINDSCAPE REBATE RESIDENTIAL & SCHOOL

Austin Water's **WaterWise Rainscape Rebate*** helps residents and schools install landscape features (*berms, terraces, swales, rain gardens, porous pavement, etc.*) to keep rainwater on the property. **Applicants must get pre-approval from Austin Water before beginning work.*

SAVINGS

- Rainscapes can help to prevent runoff and reduce the amount of paid water used for landscape watering

REBATE AMOUNT

- \$0.30 for every square foot converted (*100 sq. ft. minimum*), up to \$500 per property (*lifetime limit*)
- Rebate amount may not exceed total amount of eligible project costs

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant:
 - Be a residential or school customer of Austin Water or a **qualifying water provider**
 - Property must already be developed (*new construction does not qualify*)
 - Apply for pre-approval prior to purchasing or installing any project materials
 - One application accepted per 12-month period
 - May reapply every 12 months for more areas until the lifetime limit is reached
 - Must have property owner's permission to apply (*if not the owner*)
 - Agree to pre- and post-installation inspections by Austin Water
 - Willing to let Austin Water track your water use and refer to the project in outreach materials
- Rainscape:
 - Must cover at least 100 square feet
 - Gravel or rock rainscapes may not be more than 3 feet wide
 - Must install any plants between Mar 15 – May 15 and/or Sept 15- Nov 15
 - Must meet all homeowners association requirements (*if applicable*)
 - Must not need a site plan submission or other authorization under the City's Land Development Code (*schools only*)
 - If site is within the **Edwards Aquifer Recharge or Contributing Zones**, contact the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality at 512-339-2929 for any additional requirements
 - For rainwater collection tanks/cisterns, use the **Rainwater Harvesting Rebate**

CHECKLIST

- Meet all eligibility requirements
- Submit application for pre-approval before you buy or install any materials and include:
 - Pre-installation Photos:** show complete area where you plan to install the rainscape

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- Project Drawing:** show property lines, locations/dimensions of buildings, and proposed rainscape size and features (*must show accurate square footage – see the [Conversion Area Measuring Guide](#) for help*)
- Send application materials to:
 - Mail:** Austin Water Conservation, PO Box 1088, Austin, TX 78767
 - Email:** watercon@austintexas.gov
 - Fax:** 512-974-3504
- Complete a pre-inspection (*if required*)
- Wait to receive a pre-approval letter from Austin Water
- After you receive the pre-approval letter:
 - Buy materials and convert the area to a WaterWise Rainscape
 - Wait until the approved dates to install any plants
 - Submit photos showing finished work and itemized dated, **paid-in-full** receipts/invoices with vendor contact information to Austin Water
- Complete a post-inspection (*if required*)
- Apply for the [Stormwater Management Discount](#)
- Wait 6 to 8 weeks for your Austin Water rebate check

RESOURCES

[Rain Gardens Keeping Water on the Land](#)

[Benefits of a Rain Garden](#)

[Stormwater Management Discount](#)

WATERWISE RAINSCAPE REBATE APPLICATION**APPLICANT INFORMATION**Austin Water Account # *(leave blank if unavailable)*

Or Qualifying Water Provider Name: _____

Name of Applicant:

(account holder or property owner) _____

Property Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address:

(if different) _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

School Facility Contact:

(if applicable) _____**REBATE INFORMATION**Current Irrigation Method: Automatic Hose-end Sprinkler Hand Water None _____

Proposed Conversion Area (sq.ft): _____

Estimated Start Date: _____ Estimated Completion Date: _____

Person or Company Installing: _____

How did you hear about the rebate program? Austin Water website Social media
 Radio/TV advertisement Word of mouth
 Newsletter Other: _____

REBATE AGREEMENT

I certify that all statements and representations contained in this application are true, correct, and complete. I have read and understand the rebate eligibility on page one. I have completed each of the required items on the rebate checklist and submitted all required items. I understand that incomplete applications will not be processed. Austin Water reserves the right to cancel or modify the program without notice. Rebates are subject to funding availability.

Signature_____
Date

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Eligible Square Footage: _____ x \$0.30 = \$ _____ Rebate

Inspected By: _____ Inspection Date: _____ Pass/ Fail