

# County of San Diego Waterscape Rebate Program

Beautify your property and save money and water by installing water-wise landscaping and features with help from the new Waterscape Rebate Program. The San Diego County Water Authority has partnered with the County of San Diego Watershed Protection Program to provide residents and businesses in unincorporated San Diego County with new and enhanced rebates.

With the Waterscape Rebate Program, property owners can receive financial incentives to: replace high-water use turf with watersmart, native plants; install weather-based irrigation controllers; install a rain-saving barrel or cistern; upgrade old driveways and parking lots with pavers or porous pavement.

## **WATER-SMART EDGESCAPING**

Avoid water waste by replacing turf or high-water use shrubs along pavement. To reduce your water bill and stop runoff, replace up to 10 feet of turf or high-water shrubs along the edges of pavement or in parking lot planters with sustainable landscaping.

Watersmart edging provides a discreet, organic barrier between your lawn and the street. This means that rain and irrigation water stay in your yard instead of running off to a nearby street or storm drain.

Types of sustainable landscaping include non-irrigated ground cover like river-rock or native California-friendly plants.

**Rebate:** Residential and commercial property owners can get up to \$5 per sq. ft. of replaced turf, or up to \$6 per sq. ft. if all native plants are used. Commercial property owners can get up to \$4 per sq. ft. on parking planter areas.

## **SMART IRRIGATION CONTROLLERS**

Install smart irrigation controllers to water plants more efficiently and conveniently. Save money, stop

overwatering, and optimize your water use by installing weather-based irrigation controllers. These controllers allow you to set a customized watering schedule for your landscape, and then automatically adjusts the schedule for weather changes to give your plants exactly what they need.

**Rebate:** Up to \$80 per controller for less than one acre of landscape. Up to \$60 per station for more than one acre of landscape.

## **RAIN-SAVING CONTAINERS**

Install a barrel or cistern to save rainwater for future use. You can use it to water a nearby landscape or your houseplants. The overflow from these containers should empty onto your yard or a landscape feature to infiltrate the excess flow into the soil.

**Rebate:** Rain barrels can capture up to 200 gallons of water. Purchase and install up to 2 rain barrels of your choice and get \$65/barrel through SoCalWaterSmart.com. *You may see a different rebate amount on this partner website — but don't worry, if you live in unincorporated San Diego County, and get your water from a San Diego County Water Authority member agency, you'll still receive the amount noted here.* Cisterns that can capture anywhere from 200 to 1500 gallons. Apply at SoCalWaterSmart.com for a rebate of up to \$450.

## **RAIN-FRIENDLY PAVEMENT**

Install porous pavement that allows water to flow through it. Improve the appearance of your driveway, parking lot, or garden by replacing paved areas with more modern and more sustainable options.

**Rebate:** Residential property owners can get up to \$15 per sq. ft. of pavement replaced, with a maximum lifetime rebate of \$6,000 per property. Commercial property owners can get up to \$15 per sq. ft., with a maximum lifetime rebate of \$10,000.

**Get More Information, Check Eligibility, and Estimate Rebates at:**  
[www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/dpw/watersheds/RebatesIncentives.html](http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/dpw/watersheds/RebatesIncentives.html)