

CASH FOR GRASS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Cash for Grass program?

From a grant from the Department of Water Resources, properties within the Mojave Water Agency area can receive a cash rebate for removal of grass, and replacement with desert-wise landscaping.

How much can I receive?

The rebate is \$.50 per square foot. A single-family residence can receive up to \$3,000. A multi-family, commercial or industrial property can receive up to \$10,000. Residential properties must have a 100 square feet minimum of grass to replace, and a maximum of 6,000 square feet. Commercial and industrial facilities must replace a minimum of 100 square feet, and a maximum of 20,000 square feet.

How do I qualify?

You must submit an application to the Victorville Water District ([click here for application](#)). Grass areas must be alive and maintained to be eligible for the rebate. Dirt areas or areas with weeds or dead grass are not eligible.

Who qualifies for the program?

Only property owners can apply for the Cash for Grass program.

What is the process?

Submit your application to the Victorville Water District Conservation Division. A Conservation Specialist will then contact you to schedule a pre-inspection of the area you'd like to convert. *DO NOT REMOVE ANY GRASS BEFORE THE PRE-INSPECTION.*

Turn-around time from the receipt of the application and scheduling of the pre-inspection is usually within 48 hours.

After your pre-inspection, you will receive a letter notifying you that you have been approved to participate in the program. *DO NOT REMOVE GRASS* until you receive this approval letter.

What is involved in the pre-inspection?

The pre-inspection involves a visit to your property by a Conservation Specialist, who will take photos and measure the square footage of the grass you plan to convert. They will also provide the amount of the rebate you can expect to receive, provide details on the program, and answer any of your conservation questions directly.

When can I start removing the grass?

You can start removing turf after you receive the approval letter. You can then start re-landscaping according to the guidelines provided by the Conservation Specialist.

When will I receive my rebate?

After you have re-landscaped your property according to program guidelines and your pre-inspection consultation, notify the Mojave Water Agency at 760-946-7055. Their staff will conduct a post-inspection. Assuming you have met the requirements of the project, the Agency will mail you a check within 60 days.

Who do I contact when I've completed the program?

Contact the Mojave Water Agency for your post-inspection at 760-946-7055.

What is not included in the program?

Cash for Grass does not provide funding for re-landscaping costs, including plants, labor, rock or any materials.

What if I already removed the grass before the pre-inspection?

If you've already removed the grass before a Conservation Specialist visits for the pre-inspection, you will not qualify for the program. However, contact the Water Conservation Division for information on other programs you may be able to utilize. The Division may be reached at 866-955-4426.

What if my grass is already dead?

Dead and not maintained grass is not eligible. However, grass in a dormant state may qualify. To be sure, contact us at 866-955-4426.

Where can I find the appropriate desert-adaptive and water-wise landscaping?

Visit the City's web site under Water Service, Conservation, and click on High Desert Landscaping for information and resources. You can also go to Cash for Grass and click on the link Local Nurseries with Water-Smart Plants (<http://ci.victorville.ca.us/site/popup.aspx?id=3022>) for local nurseries.

Additionally, local Demonstration Gardens are available at the following locations:

Victor Valley Community College

18422 Bear Valley Road

Victorville, CA 92392

760-245-4271

<http://www.vvc.edu>

Mojave Water Agency

13846 Conference Center Drive

Apple Valley, CA 92307

760-946-7000

<http://www.mojavewater.org>

Additional information on appropriate landscape materials can be found in the [Cash for Grass Resource Guide](#).

Who do I contact for more information?

Contact a Conservation Specialist at 866-955-4H2O (4426), or visit them at City Hall, Victorville Water District Conservation Division on the first floor at 14343 Civic Drive, Victorville. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. City Hall is closed every Friday.