

Micro (Drip) Irrigation Rebate Program

REBATE SUMMARY

A **\$0.50 per square foot rebate** is available for the replacement of existing overhead spray sprinklers with micro (drip) irrigation. Rebate amount is based on the square footage of the area covered by the newly installed drip irrigation system, up to a maximum of 1,000 square feet. This rebate is available for single-family or multi-family residential properties.

Micro (drip) irrigation is a low-pressure, low-flow type of irrigation that can reduce the likelihood of overwatering a landscape. This form of irrigation delivers water directly to where it is needed most – the root zone of plants. It also delivers the water slowly and over a longer period of time, preventing runoff and reducing evaporation. Drip irrigation systems use 20% to 50% less water than conventional sprinkler systems and help reduce landscape irrigation water use.

Customers **must** schedule a free Water-Wise Landscape Consultation **before** purchasing micro (drip) irrigation supplies and materials to determine the appropriate emitter flow rates and spacing for their individual landscaping. Customers may request this service through the FresGO app or by calling the City of Fresno's 311 Center at (559) 621-CITY or by dialing 3-1-1 within City limits.

MICRO (DRIP) IRRIGATION REBATE PROCESS

1. Obtain and complete an application.
2. Schedule a free Water-Wise Landscape Consultation to determine the appropriate emitter flow rate, spacing, and run time for the individual property.
3. Once the required consultation is complete and recommendations are given, purchase and install the drip irrigation system. Applicants must install the drip irrigation system and submit the rebate application **within 120 days of purchase date** of supplies and materials.
4. Submit a completed application, along with a copy of the itemized, dated sales receipt(s) for the drip irrigation supplies **within 120 days of purchase date**, to:

City of Fresno Water Division
Water Conservation Program
1910 E. University Avenue
Fresno, CA 93703

-or-

waterconservation@fresno.gov

5. A Water Conservation Landscape Specialist will arrange a brief appointment to inspect and verify the installed drip irrigation system. Final rebate amount will be calculated by the Specialist during this inspection.
6. Once final approval is granted, rebate will be processed and a check will be mailed within 6-9 weeks of final approval.

MICRO (DRIP) IRRIGATION REBATE PROGRAM **GUIDELINES AND CONDITIONS**

Qualifying Applicants

Customers who pay a water utility bill to the City of Fresno and who have property with existing single-family or multi-family dwellings qualify to receive the Micro (Drip) Irrigation Rebate. This rebate is also available to landlords of single-family residential properties serviced by the City of Fresno Water Division where the tenant is the water customer. Renters or tenants must provide written approval from the property owner or property manager for irrigation replacement. New construction does not qualify.

Qualifying Micro (Drip) Irrigation System Supplies

Any drip emitter, including multi-outlet emitters, must have a flow rate of **4 gallons per hour or less**. Only newly-purchased drip irrigation supplies qualify for the Micro (Drip) Irrigation Rebate. Used components are not eligible.

Installation of a pressure regulator is required for this rebate. If no pressure regulator is installed, the rebate will not be approved.

The following items are **NOT** eligible for this rebate:

- Soaker hoses
- Open-end drip lines
- Micro sprayers or adjustable emitters/bubblers

Rebate Details

The final rebate amount cannot be larger than the maximum Micro (Drip) Irrigation Rebate amount, even if additional square footage is replaced. The rebate amount is \$0.50 per square foot rebate for the replacement of existing overhead spray sprinklers with micro (drip) irrigation. Labor, taxes, or other costs are not included in the rebate amount.

The rebate amount is based on the square footage of the area covered by the newly installed drip irrigation system, up to a maximum of 1,000 square feet. Information about soil type and the calculation of the rebate amount can be found on the information sheet entitled "*Understanding Micro (Drip) Irrigation by Soil Type.*"

Micro (drip) irrigation supplies must be installed at the approved service address listed on the applicant's City of Fresno water utility billing account. The drip irrigation system must be installed and rebate application must be submitted **within 120 days of purchase date**.

By submitting an application, applicants agree to an inspection to verify the Micro (Drip) Irrigation Rebate. Rebates will only be awarded after verification of proper installation and compliance with the Requirements of this rebate.

Rebate checks will be mailed 6-9 weeks after final approval.

MICRO (DRIP) IRRIGATION REBATE PROGRAM **GUIDELINES AND CONDITIONS**

Rebate Requirements

- Drip irrigation system must be installed per manufacturer's directions and must include a filter.
- Installation of a pressure regulator is required for this rebate.
- May be installed on the ground surface or below surface.
- Any drip emitter, including multi-outlet emitters, must have a flow rate of 4 gallons per hour or less.
- Valves must be fully operational with no leaks.
- A Water Conservation Program inspection is required after the drip irrigation system has been installed.

If converting from an existing overhead irrigation system:

- Must replace the entire existing zone to drip so that all emitting devices are applying water at the same rate.
- Must have a fully-operational irrigation controller that can be programmed to the City of Fresno Outdoor Water Use Schedule.

If converting from manual watering of an existing garden bed by hose:

- Must install an anti-siphon device on the hose faucet.
- Must install, at a minimum, a mechanical timer (day specific, not interval) that will shut itself off after a set period of time.

Important Notes

- The Water Conservation Program is not responsible for materials lost by mail.
- Possession or submission of a rebate application does not guarantee a rebate approval.
- Rebates are processed on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Funding for the Micro (Drip) Irrigation Rebate Program is limited to available resources.
- Rebate amounts are subject to change without notification.
- The Micro (Drip) Rebate Program is subject to change or termination without notice.
- The City of Fresno is not responsible for product performance or water savings. There is no warranty or guarantee of the products or vendor used.

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Micro (Drip) Irrigation Rebate Application

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Date: _____

ACCOUNT INFORMATION

Utility Account Number: _____

Name on Account: _____

Account Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Alt. Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Renters/Tenants Only:

Renter/Tenant participation requires written approval from Property Owner. (Attach to Application)

Property Owner Name: _____

Property Owner Mailing Address: _____

Property Owner Phone Number: _____

Property Owner E-Mail Address: _____

BUILDING INFORMATION

Complete the information below as it applies to the installation address.

Building Type (select one): Single Family Residence Multi-Family Residence/Duplex
 Mobile Home Condominium/Townhouse PUD or HOA Shared Billing Account

If multi-family residence/duplex, selected unit #: _____

REBATE INFORMATION

Completed drip irrigation installation must be verified prior to issuance of rebate. Incomplete applications will be returned. Applicants must fulfill all program requirements to be eligible for a rebate. A copy of the original itemized, dated sales receipt for the drip irrigation supplies must be submitted with the completed rebate application **within 120 days of the purchase date**. Labor or other costs are not included in the rebate amount.

How did you learn about this rebate? _____

Would you have installed drip irrigation at this time if the City of Fresno did not offer a rebate? Yes___ No___

Send completed application and proof of purchase to:
City of Fresno Water Division, Water Conservation Program
1910 E. University Avenue, Fresno, CA 93703
or waterconservation@fresno.gov
*****Incomplete applications will be returned*****

DRIP IRRIGATION INFORMATION

Project start date: _____ Project Completion Date: _____

Square footage of irrigated area: _____ Type of irrigation being replaced: _____

Location of irrigated area(s): ___ Front ___ Back ___ Side ___ Other: _____

List of supplies purchased (attach an additional sheet if necessary): _____

AGREEMENT OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The City of Fresno (City) may deny any application that does not meet program requirements. The undersigned expressly agrees that the City may inspect all items submitted for the Micro (Drip) Irrigation Rebate Program; that the City does not guarantee the performance of any replacement item; and that the City does not warrant any replacement item or installation to be free of defects, the quality of workmanship, or the suitability of the premises for installation. The undersigned further agrees to hold harmless the City of Fresno against all loss, damage, expense, and liability resulting from the loss, destruction, or damage to property arising out of or in any way connected with the Micro (Drip) Irrigation Rebate. The City reserves the right to alter this program at any time. Funding for this rebate program is limited to available resources. Rebates are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. For further information, please contact the Water Conservation Program at (559) 621-5480.

I have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions of this rebate program.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

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Application Status: Approved ___ Denied ___ Reason: _____

Consultation Date: _____ Tracking #: _____ Inspector: _____

Inspection Date: _____ Tracking #: _____ Inspector: _____

Comments: _____

Approved by: _____ Date: _____

Approved Rebate Values:

Soil type: _____ Programmed Run Time: _____

Radius per emitter: _____ Number of Emitters for Rebate: _____

Total Square Feet of Coverage for Rebate: _____

Approved Rebate: _____ square feet x \$0.50 per square foot = \$ _____ Total Rebate Amount

Date to Accounting: _____

ACCOUNTING: Check mailed: _____ By: _____ Voucher No. _____