

## Micro (Drip) Irrigation Rebate Program

### REBATE SUMMARY

A **\$0.55 per square foot of irrigated area 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 residential or commercial 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](mailto: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 commercial 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. The *Permission to Participate* form is available online in the Supplemental Rebate forms on the Water Rebate page ([www.fresno.gov/publicutilities/water-conservation-program/water-rebates/#supplemental-rebate-forms](http://www.fresno.gov/publicutilities/water-conservation-program/water-rebates/#supplemental-rebate-forms)). 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 and filter is required for this rebate. The rebate will not be approved if these items are not installed per zone converted.

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 \$0.55 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 irrigated 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. Sprinklers may not be mixed with drip on the same zone.
- 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 with a pressure regulator and filter.
- 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 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:**  
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