

Water Conservation Rebates and Programs



Water conservation: A California way of life!

The Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) truly appreciates the community's response to our call for reduced water use. Thank you! It's important that going forward we continue to practice daily water conservation. Valley Water is pleased to offer the following programs:

Landscape Rebate Program

Those wishing to participate in the Landscape Rebate Program must complete a pre-inspection and submit an application for approval **before** beginning any work on their project.

Landscape Conversion Rebate

Santa Clara County single family homes, multi-family and business/institutional properties with qualifying high-water-using landscape (i.e., irrigated turf or functional swimming pool) can receive a rebate of \$1/square foot for converting a high-water-using landscape to a low-water-using landscape. This amount **may be higher** in some areas.

Rainwater Capture Rebates

- Install a qualifying rain barrel to collect rain water from existing downspouts for a rebate up to \$35/barrel.
- Receive a rebate of \$0.50/gallon for diverting existing downspouts to qualifying cisterns.
- Install a rain garden to collect roof water runoff for a rebate of \$1/square foot of roof area diverted, up to \$300.
- Rebate amounts **may be higher** in some areas.

Irrigation Equipment Upgrade Rebate

Rebates are offered for replacing old, inefficient irrigation equipment with new, qualifying high efficiency equipment, including the following:

- Install a dedicated landscape meter, flow sensor or hydrometer for a rebate up to \$1,000.
- Replace old sprinkler nozzles and bodies with high efficiency sprinkler nozzles (up to \$5 each) and rotor sprinklers or spray bodies with pressure regulation or check valves (up to \$20 each).
- Convert existing pop-up sprinklers to an in-line drip irrigation system for a rebate of \$0.25/sq. ft.

- Convert an existing irrigation timer to a qualifying weather-based irrigation controller (rain sensor required) for a rebate up to:
 - » \$300 for 1-12 station controller
 - » \$1,000 for a 13-24 station controller
 - » \$2,000 for a 25+ station controller
 - » Rain sensors are rebated up to \$50

For more information or to schedule a pre-inspection, please start the online application process by visiting scvwd.dropletportal.com or call the Water Conservation Hotline at **(408) 630-2554**.

Please Note:

All Landscape Rebate Program applicants will be held to a total rebate cap (for the Landscape Conversion Rebate, Rainwater Capture Rebate, and the Irrigation Equipment Upgrade Rebate combined) of \$2,000 for single family and multi-family (4 or fewer units) and \$50,000 for all commercial sites and multi-family (5 or more units). Rebate cap may be higher in some areas.

Graywater Laundry to Landscape Rebate Program

Receive \$200 per residential site for properly connecting a clothes washer to a graywater system. This amount **may be higher** in some cost-sharing areas. Download the application and find how-to-videos at watersavings.org. For more information, please call **(408) 630-2554**. No pre-inspection required! Wait for approval **before** beginning any work on your project.



Water Wise Survey Program

This two-part program will help you save water indoors and out. Sign up for one or both!

- For the **Do-It-Yourself Water Wise Indoor Survey**, customers are able to request a kit to evaluate indoor water use that includes a flow rate bag for testing shower and sink flow rates and dye tablets for testing toilets for leaks. Included in the kit will be a step-by-step guide to evaluate your own water use. Customers who complete the survey can request free conservation items for their homes, such as low flow faucet aerators and showerheads and toilet flappers. To request a DIY Kit, please call **(408) 630-2554**. The DIY Kit is also available at watersavings.org.
- During the **Water Wise Outdoor Survey** receive a free, comprehensive, consultation from a trained irrigation professional. The consultation includes evaluating the irrigation system, flagging issues onsite, identifying rebate programs you could qualify for, and creating a custom report detailing the survey findings. Offered to single family and small multi-family sites (under ½ acre of landscape area) in Santa Clara County with a working irrigation system. To schedule a survey call **(408) 630-2000** or email waterwise@valleywater.org. A recent copy of your water bill will be requested when scheduling the survey.

Large Landscape Survey Program

Commercial, industrial, institutional, and multi-family complexes with over ½ acre of landscape area within Santa Clara County may be eligible for a free landscape field survey. Professional irrigation auditors perform free site evaluations to provide recommendations for improving system efficiency.

To find out if your site can benefit from a landscape field survey, please call **(408) 630-2554**.

Commercial Rebate Program

Receive up to \$50,000 to replace or update equipment with Water Efficient Technology that results in measurable water reduction. Available to qualifying facilities in Santa Clara County including commercial, industrial, and institutional facilities like schools and hospitals. The rebate is \$4 per 100 cubic feet of water saved per year, or 50% of the project cost, whichever is less (the rebate rate and maximum amount **may be higher** in some areas). Wait for approval **before** beginning any work on your project. For more information, please call **(408) 630-2554** or visit watersavings.org.

Submeter Rebate Program

Mobile home parks and apartment and condominium complexes in Santa Clara County can receive \$150 per installed water submeter for changing from a master water meter to individual water submeters. For more information, please call **(408) 630-2554**.

Report Water Waste

Valley Water's water waste inspectors respond to reports of water waste and violations of local water use restrictions. To report water waste, you may select any of these convenient options: call **(408) 630-2000**; email waterwise@valleywater.org; download our Access Valley Water app; or go to Access Valley Water from the QR code below or at valleywater.org

*Before purchasing equipment or beginning any project, customers should check eligibility requirements at www.watersavings.org or call the Valley Water's Water Conservation Hotline at **(408) 630-2554**.*

All programs are subject to funding availability and certain restrictions apply.

CONTACT US

For more information, contact the **Water Conservation Hotline** at **(408) 630-2554** or by email at conservation@valleywater.org. Or use our **Access Valley Water** customer request and information system at valleywater.org to find out the latest information on Valley Water projects or to submit questions, complaints or compliments directly to a Valley Water staff person.



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