

Lawn Replacement Rebate Frequently Asked Questions

How much does it cost to remove a grass lawn and plant new (non-grass) landscape?

Your new landscaping can range from very inexpensive up to \$20 per square foot, depending on how much of the work you do yourself and whether you buy inexpensive or expensive materials. The choice is yours.

My lawn has been dead for several months. Do I still qualify for the program?

No, if your lawn is already dead, you will not qualify for the program.

That said, often people think their lawn is dead when it is dormant. Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District can determine at a pre-inspection if your lawn is truly dead. If you have living grass, you may be able to participate.

What plants can be used for this program?

While re-planting grass is not allowed, the choice of plants is up to you. However, all plants must be water-wise, suited to the Antelope Valley Climate and on your city's approved plant list or from one of the sources on our resources page:

Rosamond Water Wise Gardening in the High Desert
<https://rosamond.watersavingplants.com>

The Drought Tolerant Garden *Los Angeles County Handbook*
[DroughtTolerantGarden.pdf \(lacounty.gov\)](#)

A Guide to High Desert Landscaping
[11591 TEXT13 36.CDR \(cityoflancasterca.org\)](#)

California Native Plant Society
<https://www.cnps.org/gardening>

CALSCAPE.ORG
<https://calscape.org/>

CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANTS A Planting Guide for LA County
https://www.bewaterwise.com/assets/mwd_plantguide-screen_la_4_23.pdf

How do I get the plants provided from the AVRCD Nursery for this program?

Plant material will be provided by the AVRCD Nursery at a value of .133 cents per square foot of lawn removed (1,000 sq. ft. = \$133 value in AVRCD Plant Materials). **Not redeemable for cash.** Plant materials will not be provided until a **Notice to Proceed** has been issued by the AVRCD and

documentation has provided by applicant that lawn has been removed and verified by AVRCD staff. Plants must be picked up at the AVRCD Nursery located at 10148 West Avenue I, Lancaster, CA.

If I reduce plants other than turf/grass, will these qualify for the rebate?

No, the specific purpose of this incentive is to assist residents to get rid of that water-thirsty lawn/grass.

Can I use artificial turf grass as part of my new landscape?

No, you will not be able to use artificial turf as part of this program.

How much plant material needs to be planted?

In the front yard, plant material must cover at least 25% of the new landscaped area by the time the plants are mature, or after approximately two years

How will I know the number of plants that I need to install in order to meet the 25% plant at maturity requirement?

Most plant guides break down various plants by size, or spread. If you plan to remove 1,000 square feet of grass, you will need to plant at least 250 square feet of plants. This area can be replaced by low water use or native plants of your choosing as long as the total spread at maturity (after two years time) is equal to 250 square feet.

Is mulch required between plants?

Your new landscape is required to have 100% covered with materials such as plants, compost and mulch, and or permeable "hardscape" (e.g., mulch, decomposed granite). At least 25% must be plant material; up to 75% can be permeable such as mulch. Organic mulch is recommended because it helps prevent runoff and holds moisture in the soil.

Do I have to replace my irrigation system?

You must have drip irrigation or other low water use irrigation installed in your project area or hand water. Check with your water retail company to see about an additional rebate for drip irrigation.

I live in a homeowners association (HOA) and do not have an individual water account. Can I still qualify for the program?

No, you need an individual water account to qualify for this program.

Am I guaranteed funding for my project?

Rebate funds are not set aside until we have inspected your completed project and have determined that the terms and conditions have been met.

When will funds be available for the Lawn Replacement Program?

Funds will be available two to six weeks after the completed project inspection.