

Landscape Design Assistance

Terms and Conditions

The goal of Landscape Design Assistance (Design Assistance) is to help our Lawn Reduction Rebate Program participants develop ideas to transform their water-thirsty front lawns into beautiful water efficient landscapes. Design Assistance provides a rebate for a consultation with a professional landscape designer for the front lawn area removed. Participants pay the designer a fee at the time of service and are reimbursed up to \$300 by the Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District (AVRCD) when their lawn reduction project is successfully completed.

In Design Assistance, the designer will help you explore ideas and make recommendations on layout, plants and other features that may work for your front yard. The consultation does not necessarily allow enough time for the designer to draw a detailed landscape plan; however, it will be enough time to discuss site issues, uses and customer needs, and to develop general landscape layout ideas, and ideas on plant choices.

Eligibility

- Participant must be validated and participate in the Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District Lawn Reduction Rebate Program.
- Customers may only participate in the Lawn Reduction Rebate Program one time per property.

Rebate Terms

- Customer will pay the Landscape Designer fee at the time of their consultation.
- Customer will return to AVRCD the receipt from the landscape designer.
- AVRCD will reimburse the customer up to \$300 for a design fee after their lawn reduction project is successfully completed and approved.
- AVRCD **will not reimburse** the fee if the customer **does not complete** their lawn replacement project.
- Any additional design services above a \$300 consultation contracted between the Customer and Designer are beyond the scope of Design Assistance.

What you should expect

In a consultation the designer will help you explore ideas for your new front yard landscape. During the consultation, you and the designer will review the site conditions and discuss your needs and desires for the new landscape. The designer will develop some general design ideas for the site and make general plant pallet recommendations. Provide an irrigation plan and materials list.

Preparing for your Landscape Design Consultation

To get the most value from your time with the designer, we recommend you have the following items ready prior to your design consultation:

- Complete the Landscape Design Questionnaire.
- Draw a basic base map, to scale, of your front yard on graph paper. Include fence lines, house location, and existing plants/ trees and hardscape that will not change.

- Consider compiling a file of photos from magazines and websites to help communicate what you would like in your new front yard.
- Read through the Lawn Reduction Program guidelines and design requirements.

Steps to Proceed

The AVRCD Landscape Design Assistance is intended to assist customers participating in the AVRCD Lawn Reduction Rebate Program.

Step 1: Submit an Application for the AVRCD Lawn Reduction Rebate Program and select **Request for Landscape Design Assistance** on the application form.

Step 2: Once your applications are received, AVRCD staff will provide general project feedback and contact you to schedule a pre-conversion inspection. During the inspection, staff will verify the measurements of the proposed project area, take photos, and approve (or deny) the Request for Landscape Design Assistance.

Step 3: Upon *APPROVAL* of The Request for Landscape Assistance, a Landscape Designer of your choice may conduct an on-site visit to prepare a custom landscape design for your front yard.

Step 4: Schedule your landscape design consultation. We recommend you complete the Landscape Design Questionnaire in advance to get the most out of your consultation.

Step 5: Pay the Landscape Designer the consultation fee and ensure you get a receipt.

Step 6: Submit the Landscape Designer receipt to the AVRCD at: vickierAVRCD@gmail.com

Step 7: AVRCD will reimburse the customer up to \$300 for a design consultation after their lawn reduction project is successfully completed.

Hold Harmless

Customer shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless AVRCD, its Directors, officers, employees and agents from any and all claims, costs and liability for any damages, injuries or deaths arising directly or indirectly from, or connected with, participation in the Landscape Design Assistance and due to, or claimed or alleged to be due to negligence or willful misconduct of Customer, and will make good and reimburse AVRCD for any expenditure, including reasonable attorney's fees AVRCD may make by reason of such matters and, if requested by AVRCD, will defend any such suits at the sole cost and expense of Customer.