

Water Conservation Rebates and Programs



Say YES to Saving Water!

Valley Water's water conservation rebates and programs are designed to make water conservation easier, helping you say YES to saving water. Learn more about all of our conservation programs and resources by visiting watersavings.org.



Online Shopping Cart

The Online Shopping Cart Program offers free water-saving devices and educational materials to Santa Clara County residents and businesses. Choose from showerheads, faucet aerators, leak detection tablets, hose nozzles, and more—shipped directly to you at no cost.

Landscape Rebate Program

The Landscape Rebate Program can help you create beautiful low-water-use landscapes. Get started by finding more information at valleywater.dropletportal.com. Make sure you submit an online application for approval and **schedule a pre-inspection before beginning any work** on your project.

Rebate Caps

The following landscape rebate site caps apply to the combined program components, including Landscape Conversion, Lawn to Mulch, Irrigation Equipment Upgrade and Rainwater Catchment.

- \$3,000 for single-family or multi-family residential properties (4 or fewer units)
- \$100,000 for all commercial, industrial, institutional properties or multi-family residential properties (5 or more units)

Rebate rates and caps may be higher in some areas. Other programs are capped separately.

Landscape Conversion

Any property with qualifying high-water-use landscapes (i.e., lawn or functional swimming pools) can receive a rebate of at least \$2 per square foot (sq. ft.) for converting to a low-water-use landscape

Lawn to Mulch

Any commercial, industrial, institutional properties or multi-family residential properties can receive a rebate of at least \$1 per sq. ft. for converting a qualifying lawn to a minimum of 3 inches of mulch.



A converted low-water use garden featuring colorful, California native plants.

Any irrigation system watering trees in areas that were converted from lawn to mulch must be converted to a low-flow irrigation system. Golf course options are offered but are not available to single-family residential properties.

Irrigation Equipment Upgrade

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

- High-efficiency nozzles (up to \$5 each)
- Rotor sprinklers or spray bodies with pressure regulation and/or check valves (up to \$20 each)
- Rain Sensors (up to \$50)
- Flow sensors, hydrometers, and dedicated landscape meters (up to \$1,000)
- Smart irrigation controllers (up to \$300-\$2,000 each)
- Sprinkler to In-Line Drip Conversion (\$0.25 per sq. ft.)

Rainwater Capture

Rainwater capture or diversion projects collecting rainwater from existing downspouts can receive rebates for the following:

- Rain barrels up to 199 gallons (up to \$35 per barrel)
- Cisterns 200 gallons or more (\$0.50 per gallon)
- Rain gardens (\$1 per sq. ft. of roof area diverted, up to \$300)

Graywater Rebate Program

Receive at least \$200 per home for transforming your clothes washer into a graywater system. Plants don't need drinking water to thrive. You can reuse graywater in your yard. Apply online and find how-to videos at watersavings.org. No pre-inspection is required but **wait for approval before beginning any work**.

Landscape Surveys & Resources

Request to have your landscape and irrigation system surveyed by a trained irrigation professional for FREE. Following the survey, the specialist will provide you with a customized report, outlining any apparent leaks or inefficiencies, suggestions for irrigation scheduling, and recommendations for money-saving landscape rebates. Whether your landscape is small or large, we have a program to fit your needs.

- **Water Wise Outdoor Survey Program**

A Water Wise Outdoor Survey is for landscapes at single-family, small commercial, industrial, institutional properties or multi-family residential sites up to half an acre. To get started, submit a request at valleywater.org/outdoor-survey.

- **Large Landscape Program**

Commercial, industrial, institutional, and multi-family residential properties with large landscapes have access to free site-specific irrigation budgets and other helpful efficiency tools through Waterfluence. Qualifying properties may also benefit from a Large Landscape Survey which provides custom recommendations to improve irrigation efficiency through proper scheduling and other best practices. Visit waterfluence.com to check if your property is enrolled and start benefiting today.

Commercial and Facility Rebates

Receive up to \$100,000 for upgrading to water-efficient equipment that results in measurable water savings. This custom rebate based on the measured amount of water saved is available to qualifying facilities, including businesses, schools, hospitals and government buildings. The rebate is \$4 per 100 cubic ft. of water saved per year, or 100% of the project cost, excluding labor and taxes, whichever is less.

Direct Retrofit Indoor Plumbing (DRIP) Program

The DRIP Program provides **free replacement** of old, inefficient fixtures to eligible residential* and commercial properties in Santa Clara County. Through this program, qualifying toilets, showerheads, faucet aerators, and pre-rinse spray valves are replaced with new models that meet or exceed EPA WaterSense standards.

**Single-family homes have limited eligibility and are subject to income-based requirements.*

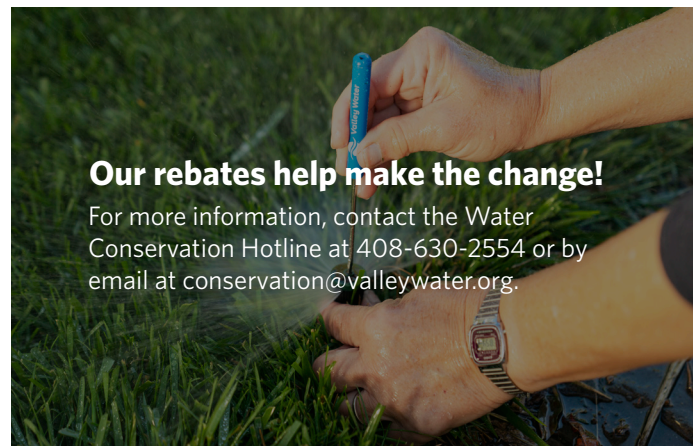
Submeter Rebate Program

Submeters can save 10-30% of water used. Receive at least \$150 per installed water submeter by upgrading from a single meter. Accessory dwelling units (ADUs), mobile home parks, apartments, and condominium complexes can qualify. There is no rebate cap when all eligibility requirements are met.

Report Water Waste

Help local residents and businesses preserve our shared water supply by confidentially reporting water waste and violations of outdoor water-use restrictions. Any specific notes like location, date and time, or frequency will help our inspectors follow up. To report water waste, you may do one of the following:

- Use our Access Valley Water app
- Email waterwise@valleywater.org
- Call 408-630-2000



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To find out the latest information on Valley Water projects or to submit questions or comments, use our **Access Valley Water** customer request system at access.valleywater.org.



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