



School Landscape Efficiency Rebate Terms and Conditions

Purpose:

This rebate provides educational institutions with the opportunity to upgrade irrigation components to highly efficient models and receive two water conservation classroom presentations (required). Irrigation components include:

- Irrigation controllers
- Spray sprinkler bodies
- Drip irrigation
- Rain sensors and flow sensors

Terms and Conditions:

- a. Applicants must abide by the *Rebate Universal Terms and Conditions* below.
- b. Only educational institutions with existing irrigation systems qualify for this rebate. New lawn installations and new irrigation system installations do not qualify.
- c. If upgrading irrigation controllers:
 - It is required to use EPA WaterSense labeled smart controllers. Only landscapes with an irrigation system in good working order (no leaks, malfunctioning valves, missing emitters, runoff or other performance issues) qualify.
 - The smart controller must utilize one of the following technologies:
 - Historical evapotranspiration programmed into the controller and accompanied with an active rain sensor; or
 - On-site weather station connected directly to the controller; or
 - Controller capable of receiving evapotranspiration data from regional weather stations through satellite feeds. The smart controller must make seasonal adjustments by changing the watering frequency (days between watering) versus watering run time.
- d. If upgrading sprinkler irrigation components:
 - It is required to use [EPA WaterSense labeled](#) spray sprinkler bodies with integral pressure regulation that maintains the recommended operating pressure stated by the high efficiency rotating nozzle's manufacture.
- e. If upgrading drip irrigation components:
 - The components must contain built-in pressure compensation.



- f. Select a school representative to be the main contact at the school and signee for the rebate.
- g. School representative identifies teacher(s) who will work with Tempe Water Conservation to arrange the educational presentations or workshop for students. The school must schedule a minimum of two presentations to be conducted within a year of receiving the rebate.
- h. The school representative must receive pre-approval from conservation staff prior to purchase and installation of new irrigation components. To receive pre-approval, complete the [online rebate application form](#). The pre-approval process may also include a meeting and an outdoor water efficiency audit performed at the school campus to develop and agree upon an irrigation efficiency upgrade strategy.
- i. Once pre-approval is received, the school must purchase, install and provide receipts for approved irrigation components within 90 days.
- j. Final approval will be dependent on an inspection of the installed components. If all agreed-upon components are verified, Conservation will approve the rebate application.
- k. Upgrading irrigation components may not by itself lead to healthier plants or water savings. These are best practices among many that lead to a healthy and efficient landscape. Components themselves must be properly installed, utilized and maintained in order to be assets that can be used to improve watering efficiency and contribute to the health of the landscape.
- l. The city recommends the installation of irrigation components be performed by a qualified irrigation technician. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure proper installation and utilization of the components.
- m. Approved applicants will receive 100 % of the purchase price of irrigation efficiency supplies, not to exceed \$3,000 per school, per fiscal year, July 1 – June 30.



Rebate Universal Terms and Conditions

- A. Applicant must be the owner of the property or have written permission from the owner to apply for the rebate, implement the rebate project, and receive rebate funds. Written permission must be sent to conservation@tempe.gov.
- B. All rebates are subject to availability of funds.
- C. Policy requirements are subject to change.
- D. The rebate project installation address must be within the City of Tempe's water service area.
- E. New home and building construction properties do not qualify.
- F. Rebate recipients receiving \$600 or more in rebate funds within a calendar year must submit a completed [W-9 form](#) in the [rebate application form](#) or sent to conservation@tempe.gov.
- G. Post-inspection of the property may be required to verify installation or conversion.
- H. Any photos submitted are the property of the city and may be shared in city reports and promotional material.
- I. All rebates are issued for the pre-tax total. The city will not reimburse shipping costs.