

Turf Replacement

REBATE PROGRAM

Save water and money by removing live turf on your property and replace it with water-efficient landscaping.

Guidelines

- The purpose of this incentive is to reduce outdoor water use. The City of Stuart will pay customers $1 per square foot to remove up to 1,000 square feet of irrigated, viable turf with a water efficient landscape.
- Removal and replacement of turf must comply with City landscape ordinances. Projects are required to be a minimum of 500 ft^2 and completed within 60 days of application approval date.
- The conversion area is required to be completely covered by a layer permeable to air and water. Common materials include rock, bark, un-grouted flagstone or pavers, stepping stones, & permeable hardscape. Concrete does not qualify. Water efficient landscape products are at the desire of the customer such as rock, pebble, mulch, groundcover, and drought tolerant plants with drip irrigation.
- Rebates are only available to City of Stuart water customers or landlords of property serviced by City of Stuart. New construction does not qualify. Projects that have been started or completed prior to City of Stuart's review of application, installation of vegetable gardens where grass once was, water features and fountains, and invasive plants and weeds do not qualify.

Rebate Process

1. Complete an application, take required photos and measurements of the renovation area.
2. Send completed application, drawing with measurements and clear, color photos that are dated along with a recent City of Stuart utility bill to the City of Stuart Water Conservation Program.
3. You will be scheduled and contacted for a pre-job inspection.
4. Upon approval, remove turf, install replacement water-efficient landscape and after appropriate irrigation changes take required clear, color, dated photos and submit to City of Stuart Water Conservation Program.
5. You will be scheduled and contacted for a final inspection.
6. Rebate will be mailed approximately 4 weeks after application approval and inspection.

Do not begin removing your turf *until you have read and can verify that you meet the criteria listed in the guidelines, have submitted the required application and have received a pre-inspection of the renovation.*

Pre-Inspection Checklist

- ☐ Completed and signed **Application**
- ☐ **Sketch** / Design of Proposed Landscape- With measurements of the turf area to be removed, also indicate irrigation changes and landmarks such as sidewalks, fences, driveways, etc.
- ☐ 3 clear, dated color **photos** of the areas where you plan to remove turf. Photos must include your home, street, or fence as reference point.
- ☐ Recent City of Stuart **Utility Bill**

City of Stuart will review application to approve, deny or require more information and schedule a pre-job inspection.

Project Completion Checklist

- ☐ Submit 3 clear, dated color photos of each area where turf was removed and replacement landscaping installed. Also show irrigation.
- ☐ Call to schedule final inspection

After verification of proper installation and compliance, the City of Stuart will review the rebate application. Rebate checks will be mailed within approximately 4 weeks of an approved final inspection.

Applications: Visit our website at www.CityofStuart.us
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