# CASH FOR GRASS REBATE APPLICATION

Date: _____
Customer name:_____
Customer address: _____
Property address where lawn/turf to be removed:_____
_____
Daytime phone number: _____
Email address: _____

☐ I agree to receive the Water Insight Home Water Report www.waterinsight.com

To qualify for a rebate, the applicant must:

- Be the property owner of record of a single family residence, or his or her authorized representative.
- Submit a completed application form.
- Participate in a pre-conversion site visit with a representative of the City of Roseville.
- Convert lawn/turf in accordance with the terms and conditions of the rebate program within the required time period.
- Complete plant value worksheet and retain planting identification tags.
- Schedule a post-conversion site visit with a City of Roseville representative once conversion has been completed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the rebate.

In addition to the foregoing qualifications, I declare that I have been provided with a copy of the Cash for Grass Program Terms and Conditions (hereinafter "Conditions"). I have read, understand and agree to the Conditions which are incorporated herein by reference.

I irrevocably authorize the City of Roseville, or anyone authorized/designated by the City, to use or reproduce any and all photographs which have been taken of my landscape as part of the Cash for Grass Program by the City or the City's authorized agent(s) for any purpose determined by the City without compensation or further notice to me.

Dated: _____ Authorized Signature:_____

Send completed form to:
Environmental Utilities
Water Efficiency Division
2005 Hilltop Circle
Roseville, California 95747
916-774-5761

| For Official Use Only | | | | |
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| Pre-Inspection: | By: | Sq Ft Turf Available: | Front: | Back: |
| Post Inspection: | By: | Sq Ft Turf Removed: | Front: | Back: |
| Rebate amount: | | Mail rebate check to: | | |

**Cash for Grass Program Terms and Conditions**

This program is available from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, pending council approval. Rebates are "first come, first served". Applicants who applied for funding but were not granted funding due to expiration of funds were placed on a waiting list. These applicants will be first eligible for any additional funding or first to receive funds from a new funding cycle. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the City of Roseville reserves the rights to terminate this program at any time, for any reason.

The following terms and conditions apply to the Cash for Grass program. Please read carefully prior to submission of any application.

## I. Pre-Conversion Eligibility

A. Areas to be converted must receive their water from the City of Roseville and be billed on a metered rate. The applicant's utility accounts must be in good standing.

B. Areas to be converted must be maintained lawn at a single family residence with a dedicated irrigation system. A maintained lawn shall consist of, at minimum, 75% turf coverage, a maximum of 20% weed coverage and no more than 5% bare area. Turf height shall be 2-3" for cool season turf and 1-2" for warm season turf and shall be mowed and edged regularly and be even and green during growing season. Turf allowed to die due to drought conditions may be eligible for funding if participant supplies a dated photograph of living turf with submission of program application. Non-living turf must remain intact until pre-inspection is performed. Photos dated before March 1, 2014 will not be accepted. Conversions required to comply with any state and/or local law, policy and/or regulation relating to landscape maintenance and/or design standards are ineligible.

C. At least three hundred (300) square feet of lawn must be converted. Smaller projects will be considered if they completely eliminate the front or back lawn of a single-family residence.

D. A Cash for Grass Rebate Application must be submitted to the City of Roseville and the applicant must participate in a pre-conversion site review conducted by the City prior to the removal of any lawn. Conversions that are initiated without the City's approval are ineligible.

## II. Landscaping Requirements for the Converted Area

### A. Plant Coverage Requirements

*Front Yard Landscape:*

Upon completion and continuing for the term of this agreement, converted areas must contain enough plants to create at least fifty percent (50%) living plant cover when the plants are fully grown. The City maintains and will provide

a list of low and medium water use plants with the coverage value for each type of plant noted, and these values will be used even if plants are small when the project is completed. Plants outside the converted area are not considered in the calculation even if they are adjacent to, or overhang into, the converted area.

If an established tree is located within the converted area, applicant can use one-half (1/2) of the total mature tree canopy towards the living fifty percent (50%) plant coverage requirement.

If the total area of an existing front yard landscape contains more than seventy-five percent (75%) of living water efficient plant material that is being irrigated with a low volume irrigation system the fifty percent (50%) living plant coverage requirement may be waived. Please contact a City of Roseville representative for more details.

*Back Yard Landscape:*
The 50% living plant coverage requirement has been waived for back yard landscape conversions. All other program terms still apply.

*Plant Selections:*
Participants must use drought-tolerant, low and medium water-use plants or native plant species to meet the 50 percent living plant coverage requirement for the converted area. High water using plants do not meet program requirements. For a list containing some of the most common low and medium water-use plants found in the Sacramento Region visit www.roseville.ca.us/cashforgrass.

B. **Artificial Turf**: If artificial turf is to be used in any part of the conversion, artificial turf must be installed by a licensed landscape contractor. The contractor must properly prepare the landscaped area for installation (including site preparation and installation of base material). Product installed must be permeable to water and air and must be non-flammable. Only polyethylene and nylon artificial turf products are eligible for rebate. Patio carpet and/or Astroturf are ineligible. Product installed must have a minimum five (5) year manufacturer warranty. Artificial turf must not encroach upon living plants/trees and must end at least 3 inches from the base of any plant/tree. The current irrigation system in the converted area must be capped at the valve and no longer used. The 50% living plant coverage requirement is waived where artificial turf is installed.

C. **Efficient Irrigation:** Watering systems used, if any, must be a low volume drip irrigation system equipped with a pressure regulator, filter and emitters. The pressure regulator and filter must be installed at the valve. The system must be free of leaks and malfunctions. Each drip emitter must be rated at less than two and one-half (2.5) gallons per hour (gph). Installation and use of microspray systems are not an authorized alternative and do not meet the terms of the program. If part of a lawn is converted, the sprinkler system must

be properly modified to provide adequate coverage to the remaining lawn without spraying the converted area (narrow lawn areas often waste water and should be avoided). Planting non-native plants in a converted area requires the installation of a low volume drip irrigation system with a pressure regulator, filter and emitters is a condition of rebate eligibility.

D. **Surface Treatments:** The converted area must be completely covered by a 2-3" layer of mulch permeable to both air and water. Stabilizing surface treatments shall be used on slopes or base of slope to prevent runoff. Common mulching materials include rock, bark, ungrouted flagstone or pavers and artificial turf manufactured to be permeable. Impermeable treatments do not qualify. However, permeable treatments (pervious concrete, or brick or flagstone with permeable, mortarless materials for grout lines) will qualify as long as the fifty
percent (50%) plant coverage requirement is met. Living groundcovers qualify as mulch provided the individual plants are installed at sufficient density to assure one hundred percent (100%) plant cover. If a weed barrier is used beneath the mulch, it must be manufactured to be permeable to both air and water.

E. Pool/Pond/Fountain Conversions: Swimming pools, ponds and permanent water features may be eligible for a rebate. All must be operational and currently in use. Eligibility would require complete infill and removal of any equipment related to the operation (pumps, filters, decking, etc). Rebate based on measurement of the surface area (not volume) of pool/pond/fountain. Water features shall be treated the same as "grass" and program terms shall apply. Note: In addition to following the Cash for Grass terms, applicant must apply for a permit with the City's Building Division (916-774-5332) before any work is performed.

## III. Terms of the Rebate

A. **Term:** Conversions must be completed within three (3) months following the pre-inspection site visit unless an extension has been authorized by City staff due to drought conditions. Once the City receives notice of conversion project completion, any wait time for the City's final inspection shall not be counted against this three-month period of time. The converted area must remain in compliance with all program terms and conditions for a period of five (5) years following receipt of the rebate. An applicant may be required to refund the entire rebate, or a portion thereof, in the City's sole discretion, if rebate program terms
and conditions are violated. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this requirement is void upon transfer of ownership.

B. **Rebate Incentive Amounts and Limits:** The rebate incentive is .50 cents for every square foot of grass converted, with a five hundred dollar ($500.00) maximum per single family residence per funding cycle. Only one rebate payment may be received under this agreement, if any. Rebate shall be

given for water efficient product material only. Items such as wiring, electrical tape, etc. are excluded from rebate funding. The City may reject or limit applications at any time, for any reason. Rebate payments, if any, will be issued only to the property owner of record or to that property owner's legally appointed representative and, assuming program compliance, will be issued within thirty (30) to sixty (60) days following the City's final inspection.

**C.** **Final Inspection:** Once the City is notified of a conversion project's completion, the City will conduct an inspection to verify program compliance. If the conversion fails inspection, the applicant will be permitted to bring the conversion project into compliance with the program terms and conditions for a period of fourteen (14) days or the remainder of the three-month, or authorized extended period, whichever is greater.

**D.** **Additional Responsibilities of the Applicant:** The City enforces only the terms and conditions of this agreement. The applicant is solely responsible for complying with any and all laws, regulations, policies, conditions, covenants and restrictions that may apply and for any and all liabilities arising out of a conversion project. Applicants are encouraged to consult any applicable covenants, conditions and restrictions ("CC&Rs") or neighborhood Homeowner's Association ("HOA") regulations that may apply to an anticipated conversion project prior to submitting an application with the City. Applicants must also comply with all state and local laws relating to landscape maintenance. The quality, maintenance and appearance of the conversion are the exclusive responsibility of the applicant. Rebates may be considered taxable income. Any tax consequences arising out of the receipt of a rebate are the exclusive responsibility of the applicant. Applicants are solely responsible for understanding the rights and responsibilities of adjacent property owners and the impacts that their anticipated conversion project may have on drainage or discharge of water, boundary lines, fences, encroachments, trees, subjacent and lateral support, and other related items.