



WaterWise Rainscape Rebate Guidelines

Residential and School Program

Program Summary

Austin Water is offering rebates to residential customers and schools for the installation of landscape features such as berms, terraces, swales, “rain” gardens, and infiltration trenches that direct and retain rainwater on the property for on-site irrigation and other beneficial purposes.

Rebate Amount

Properties may receive \$30 for every 100 square feet (or \$0.30/sq. ft.) of area converted to WaterWise rainscape (minimum 100 sq. ft.) – up to a maximum rebate of \$500.

Rebate Requirements

- This program is only available to Austin Water customers or a customer of a qualifying water provider.
- Applications will be accepted twice per year, December 1 – March 31 for spring installations and June 1 – September 30 for fall installations.
- The rainscape must be for an existing, developed residential or school property and not require a site plan submission or other authorization under the City’s Land Development Code.
- The rainscape must cover a minimum of 100 square feet.
- Gravel or rock rainscape must not extend over 3 feet in width.
- Customers may enter the program more than one time if they have another eligible area that can be converted to a WaterWise rainscape.

Application Procedures

1. All rainscape installations must be approved prior to beginning work.
2. Any related plant material must be installed between March 15 and May 15 (for spring incentive) and between September 15 and November 15 (for fall incentive).
3. Fill out the application.
4. Applications must be signed and submitted by the property owner/account holder. An account holder which does not own the property will not be allowed to participate without the property owner’s permission.
5. Along with the application, a project drawing or indicating the proposed rainscape features and pre-installation photos must be attached. The project drawing does not need to be drawn to scale but must show property lines, the house, and include accurate square footage. (area measurement guide attached).
6. Mail application and support information to:

Austin Water Conservation
P.O. Box 1088 Austin, TX 78767
Or fax to: (512) 974-3504
Or email to: AWUrainscape@austintexas.gov

7. Austin Water staff will review the application, contact the applicant if a pre-inspection is needed, and provide a written response to the applicant.
8. Following installation, the applicant must notify Austin Water of completion by submitting final photographs along with applicable receipts and/or invoices for processing. Receipts or invoices must be itemized with charges for parts separated from labor costs and marked "paid" or otherwise indicating that payment has been made.
9. Austin Water staff will review the final materials (schedule a post-inspection if needed) and issue an incentive check within 4-6 weeks of program completion.
10. Register your rainscape under the City's **Voluntary Green Stormwater Infrastructure Program** at www.austintexas.gov/raingardens.



WaterWise Rainscape Rebate Application

Residential and School Program

Request ID Number _____

(City Use Only)

Guidelines and Customer Agreement (Every block must be checked to ensure your application is complete. Incomplete applications will not be processed.)

Please read the program guidelines on page 1 before completing this form.

Please fill out completely ((print clearly))

Property owner/account holder _____

School facility contact (if applicable): _____

Austin Water Account No. _____

Qualifying District _____

Installation Address _____ Zip Code _____

Mailing Address _____ Zip Code _____

E-mail Address _____

Primary Phone _____ Secondary Phone _____

Proposed conversion area (100 sq. ft. min.) _____ Sq. Ft.

Current Irrigation Method (please check one): ☐ Automatic ☐ Hose end sprinkler ☐ Hand water ☐ None

Estimated Start Date _____ Estimated Completion Date _____

Person or Company Installing _____

Customer Agreement

- ☐ I certify that the information I have provided is accurate and that I have read the program guidelines and requirements.
- ☐ A site plan is attached showing property lines, the house, and the nature, size and location of the proposed rainscape features covering a minimum of 100 square feet, and pre-installation photos.
- ☐ The rainscape features will be installed on an existing, developed residential or school property where the submission of a site plan or other authorization is not required under the City's Land Development Code.
- ☐ I understand that Austin Water reserves the right to cancel or modify the program without notice and that rebates are subject to funding availability.

- ☐ I understand the rebate will be issued as a check and be mailed generally between 4-6 weeks following final inspection.
- ☐ I will allow Austin Water to track my water use, reference my project in outreach material, and contact me regarding participation in public viewing or promotional tours.
- ☐ I am aware that Austin Water staff may require a pre-inspection and/or a post-inspection of my property.
- ☐ I will not begin installation or purchase material until receiving approval from Austin Water.
- ☐ I agree to register my rainscape under the City's **Voluntary Green Stormwater Infrastructure Program** at www.austintexas.gov/raingardens
- ☐ Any changes to my landscape will have the full approval of my Home Owner Association (HOA), (if applicable).
- ☐ I understand that if my proposed rainscape is over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge or Contributing Zones, I should call the Austin Regional Office of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality at 512-339-2929 to determine whether additional requirements may apply under TCEQs Edwards Aquifer Protection Rules (Title 30, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 213) <http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/field/eapp>.
- ☐ My application includes all applicable final paid itemized receipts showing the quantity of items purchased or equipment rented. Work orders, estimates, or invoices showing a balance due are not included.
- ☐ I understand that Austin Water reserves the right to cancel or modify the program without notice and that rebates are subject to funding availability.

Printed Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

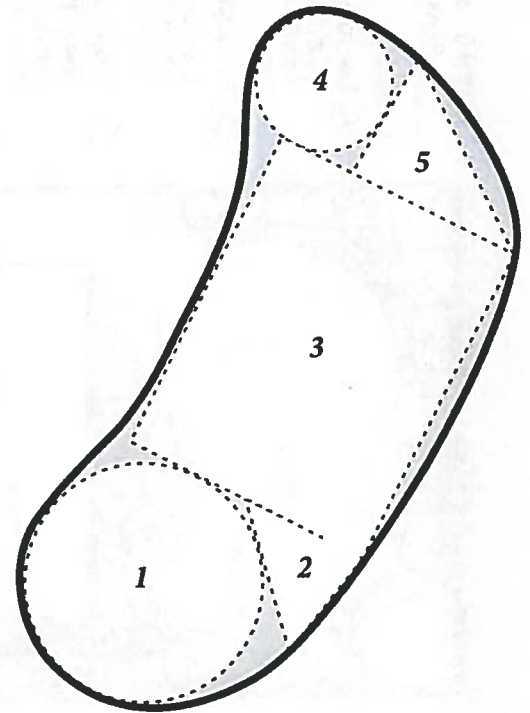
How to Measure Turf Areas

What You'll Need

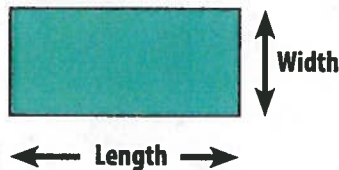
- Tape measure or wheel
- Plain or graph paper

Directions

1. Sketch the shape of the area of lawn that you want to replace.
2. Most landscapes are not perfectly shaped. If yours is irregular, break the landscape into separate squares, rectangles, circles and triangles, as shown at right. Measure the square footage of each shape, and add the area measurements together.

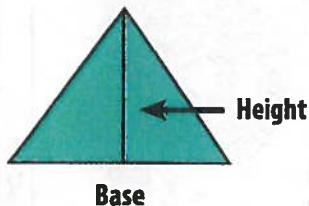


Rectangle or square



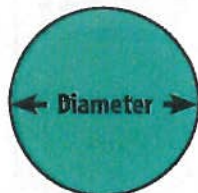
Area = Length x Width
in feet

Triangle



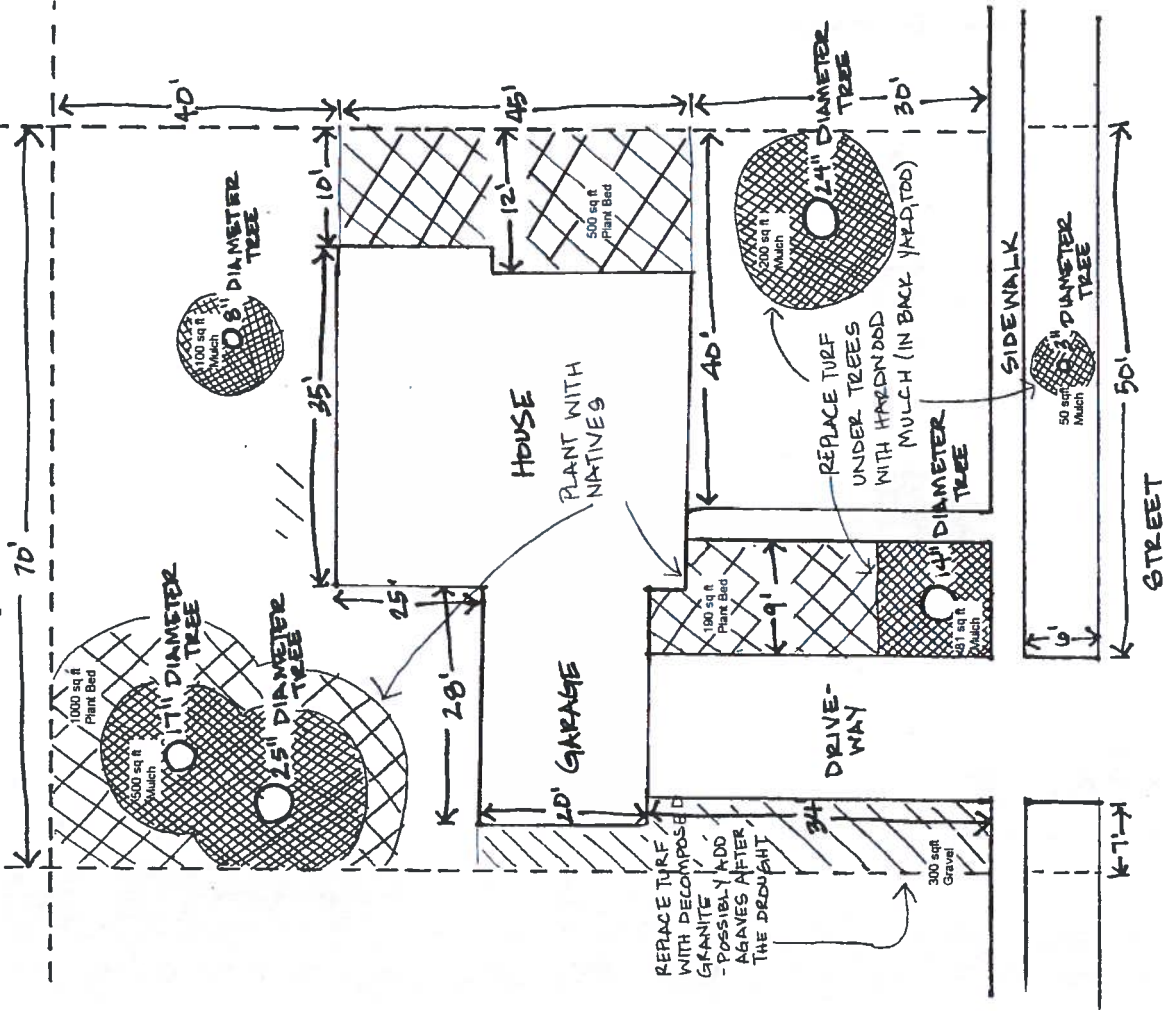
Area = Base x Height x 0.5
in feet

Circle



Radius = Diameter x 0.5
Area = 3.14 x Radius x Radius
in feet

Sample Site Plan



*NOT TO SCALE

LEGEND OF SUGGESTED PLANTS

TREES:

- A. DECIDUOUS SHADE**
 - BUR OAK
 - CEDARLEAF
 - TEXAS ASH
- B. EVERGREEN SHADE**
 - LIVE OAK
 - SOUTHERN MAGNOLIA
 - PROPER CYPRESS
- C. DECIDUOUS ORNAMENTAL**
 - TEXAS REDBUD
 - MEXICAN PLUM
 - EXETERMENT BLACK CHERRY
- D. EVERGREEN ORNAMENTAL**
 - TEXAS MOUNTAIN LAUREL
 - TEXAS PERSIMMON
 - YALPEN HOLLY
- E. ACCENT PLANT**
 - MEXICAN BUCKEYE
 - ANACARDIUM ORNAMENTAL TREE
 - DESERT WILLOW

SHRUBS

- 1. LARGE EVERGREEN**
 - EVERGREEN SUMAC
 - PIKEFORD HOLLY
 - ELABAGINUS
- 2. DWARF EVERGREEN**
 - DWARF YALPEN HOLLY
 - DWARF BURKORD HOLLY
 - NANDINA
- 3. SEMI-EVERGREEN**
 - MEXICAN OREGANO
 - AUTUMN SAGE
 - ROSE MAUW
- 4. DECIDUOUS**
 - AMERICAN BEAUTY PEPPY
 - FLAME ACANTHUS
 - BUTTERFLY BUSH

PERENNIALS/VINES/GROUND COVERS

- SUN-LOVING PERENNIALS**
 - GERANIUM, BLACK FOOT Daisy, VERBENA
- SUN/SHADE PERENNIALS**
 - SALVIA, TIPS CAP, PURPLE CONEFLOWER
- VINES**
 - CORAL HIBISCUS, CORAL VINE, LARIX BANGSIA
- GROUNDCOVER**
 - WINTERCREEPER, TRAILING LANTANA, ASIAN JASMINE

