



Turf Replacement Rebate Program and Application

Program available July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026 and subject to fund availability

City of Riverbank water customers may be eligible for a \$2 per square foot rebate when they convert their existing grass area with any qualifying artificial turf products or drought tolerant landscape products. The rebate amount is up to \$2,000 per residential City of Riverbank water account. Funding is limited and applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. The City reserves the right to terminate this program at any time and for any reason.

Outdoor landscaping is the single largest use of water in a typical California home or business. In most yards, grass consumes the most water, therefore reducing or eliminating how much grass you have can significantly reduce your water use.

How to Apply:

1. Obtain an application using one of the following methods:
 - a. Telephone (to be mailed) @ (209) 863-7122
 - b. City of Riverbank Website @ www.riverbank.org/623/Turf-Replacement-Program
2. Send the completed application, photos of the current landscape, square footage to be replaced list of proposed plants, and a sketch of proposed conversion to one of the following:
 - a. **Mail:** City of Riverbank
Attention: Turf Replacement Program
6707 Third Street
Riverbank, CA 95367
 - b. **In person:** City Hall
6707 Third Street
Suite A
Riverbank, CA 95367
3. A City of Riverbank representative will contact you to schedule a brief appointment to verify your existing landscape. **DO NOT BEGIN YOUR CONVERSION UNTIL AFTER APPROVAL AT THE PRE-INSPECTION.**

Program Guidelines

Who Qualifies?

- City of Riverbank customers who pay a water utility bill to the City of Riverbank.
- Customer accounts that are in good standing.
- Tenants who provide written approval from the property owner or property manager.
- Area to be converted must have grass or traditional sprinklers intact at the Pre-Inspection appointment in order to qualify for the rebate.

Timelines

- Program applies to turf replaced between 7/1/25 thru 6/30/26.
- A pre-inspection will be scheduled once the application has been received.
- After approval of pre-inspection, you will have 60 days to complete the conversion of your existing landscaping, which will be indicated in the Notice to Proceed Letter.
- Once completed, contact the City of Riverbank to schedule the post- inspection.
- Itemized dated sales receipts for the products used in the conversion are required at the post- inspection.
- If not approved at inspection, you have 30 days to make corrections and to schedule a final inspection.

Turf Replacement

- Turf replacement must be drought tolerant and permeable (allow water to penetrate into the ground). Product used must be approved by the City prior to installation.
- Applicant must provide a simple sketch of the proposed landscape, as well as photos of the existing landscape as part of the initial application.
- When replacing turf, the irrigation system must be capped, eliminated, or converted to drip.
- Turf replacement must be maintained and kept in healthy condition for a minimum of 5 years.
- Turf replacement must be installed within the Riverbank City service area and at the address listed on the application.
- Applicants must provide a list of proposed drought tolerant plants with the application. For a list of preferred plants please visit our website at www.riverbank.org/623/Turf-Replacement-Program.
- If only part of the lawn is converted, the new planting area must be on a separate valve.

Rebates

- Existing artificial turf, turf installation costs, new construction, accessories, and taxes do not qualify. Reimbursement is for products used in the conversion. Labor cost does not qualify.
- Rebate checks will be mailed within 8 weeks after completing the rebate process.
- Rebate amount cannot exceed the cost of the products used in the conversion. Dated, itemized sales receipts are required at the post-inspection.
- Rebates are limited up to \$2,000 per residential utility billing account per fiscal year (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026).
- **PLEASE NOTE:** Reimbursements are made on a square footage basis at \$2 per square foot for up to 1,000 square feet.

Application and Rebate Approval or Denial

- On-site compliance verification is required.
- Original itemized, dated sales receipt for the products used in the conversion area is required at the post-inspection
- Incomplete, incorrect, or unsigned applications cannot be processed. We will contact you with any discrepancies and may require you to submit a new application.
- Customer must fulfill all program guidelines to be eligible for rebates.

Other Considerations

- The Rebate Program is not responsible for materials lost by mail.
- Submission or possession of a rebate application does not guarantee receiving a rebate.
- Rebates are processed on a first come, first served basis.
- Funding for this rebate program is limited to available resources.
- Rebate amounts are subject to change without notification.
- This program shall at all times be subject to change or termination without prior notice.



Mail to: City of Riverbank-Turf Replacement Program
6707 Third Street, Riverbank, CA 95367

Website: www.riverbank.org/623/Turf-Replacement-Program

\$2.00 per Sq Ft- Turf Replacement (1,000 Sq Ft max Residential)

Account Information

Applicant Name: _____ Phone: _____

Service Address: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Where did you learn about the rebate? _____ Sq. Footage to be Replaced: _____

Inspection Required

DO NOT BEGIN PROJECT UNTIL AFTER PRE-INSPECTION APPROVAL

Rebate Information

- **Note to Tenants:** Approval from property owner/property manager must be included.
- A Complete application with attachments must be received for the application to be deemed complete.
- The rebate value cannot exceed the actual cost of the products used in the conversion.
- An original itemized dated sales receipt is required at the post-inspection.
- Limit of \$2,000 rebate (at \$2 per square foot) per residential account per fiscal year (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026).
- Compliance with guidelines is required.

Agreement of Terms and Conditions

The City of Riverbank may deny any application that does not meet program requirements. The undersigned expressly agrees that the City may inspect all items submitted for the Turf Replacement Rebate Program. The City does not guarantee the performance of any turf replacement; does not warrant any turf replacement or installation to be free of defects, the quality of the workmanship, or the suitability of the premises or the turf replacement installation. The undersigned further agrees to hold harmless the City of Riverbank against all loss, damage, expense and liability resulting from the loss, destruction or damage to property arising out of or in any way connected with the turf replacement. The City reserves the right to alter this program at any time. Funding for this rebate program is limited to available resources. Rebates are processed on a first come, first served basis. *In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") of 1990, the Fair Employment & Housing Act ("FEHA"), the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (as amended), Government Code section 11135 and other applicable codes, the City of Riverbank ("City") will not discriminate against individuals on the basis of disability in the City's services, programs, or activities.*

I have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions of this rebate program:

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Include the following with your application: photos of current landscaping, square footage being replaced, list of proposed plants or turf to be installed, and a sketch of the proposed improvements.

For Official Use Only:

Date Received: _____ Pre-Inspection Date: _____ Notice to Proceed Date: _____

Final Inspection Date: _____ Inspector: _____

Approved: __ Denied: __ Reason for denial: _____ Approved By: _____

Rebate Check sent: Date: _____ By: _____ Total Rebate Amount: \$ _____