

Thornton Water

2021 WATER-WISE LANDSCAPE REBATE

Rules & Requirements

Visit ThorntonWater.com/H2Overhaul for helpful resources like our FREE H2Overhaul Kit, discounted Garden In A Box, Lawn Removal Consultations, and more. This rebate program provides **up to \$1 per square foot** for low-water grass seed areas and **up to \$2 per square foot** for perennial gardens and other projects.

Before You Start Digging In, Be Sure You Qualify

1. Review Rules & Requirements and complete the checklist below to verify that your landscape is eligible.
2. Complete Part I of the Water-Wise Landscape Rebate application and send to Water@ThorntonWater.com.
3. Take a “before” photo of your proposed area before you start work.

Digging Into Your Landscape Transformation

1. Follow the steps in your free H2Overhaul Kit. Download your kit at thorntonwater.com/h2overhaul/get-your-kit.
2. Create and submit your design (including plant and material list) to Thornton Water for approval.
3. Submit your design to your HOA for review and approval, if applicable.
4. Locate utilities at colorado811.org.
5. Wait to receive design approval from Thornton Water and your HOA.
6. **Don't forget**, keep ALL your receipts.
7. Email photos of installed plants before adding mulch to plant beds to Water@ThorntonWater.com and include your address.
8. Schedule a site visit when your project is complete - Water@ThorntonWater.com or call 720-977-6600.

Qualifying Landscape Design Plan

Refer to Sample Design to help create a qualifying plan. Plans must be to scale and include:

1. Customer name, address, date and north arrow.
2. Measurements and proposed square footage of project area.
3. Legend including identification and quantities of plant types and materials.
4. Outline of area proposed for renovation with existing elements identified.
5. Location of new landscape elements, materials, and plants.
6. Irrigation system design, if applicable.
7. An outline of phasing plans, if applicable.
8. Plant bed design must show estimated plant size at maturity (3-5 years) to show that the no more than 30 percent bare mulch requirement will be met.
9. HOA approval, if applicable.

Participants may include the following in their overall design, but these items will NOT be included in the project costs or rebate-eligible square footage: Vegetable plants, annual plants, raised beds, impermeable concrete, water feature/fountains and rock beds. Soil amendments are required for areas where new plants or grass will be installed. Edging or wall blocks are required to separate lawn or perennial gardens from other areas.

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Qualifying Irrigation Plan

Automatic irrigation systems are not required. Manual watering is allowed but must be noted as the watering method in the Irrigation Plan. Plans must be to scale and include:

1. Customer name, address, date and north arrow.
2. Legend, including irrigation controller, backflow device, existing sprinkler equipment and layout. (Audit report that includes a map of existing zones is acceptable), proposed sprinkler equipment and layout.
3. Drip emitters must match plant need.
4. Drip zones must have pressure regulator.
5. Drip zone may not be combined with other types of sprinkler; (drip cannot be on the same zone as spray or rotor heads).

Qualifying Mulched Plant Beds

1. No more than 30 percent bare mulch (at plant mature size.)
2. Eligible mulch types include shredded bark, bark chips or rock.
3. A majority of plants must be ultra-low to low water requirement perennials, shrubs or trees.
4. Limit 2 large or 4 small trees per 1,000 sq. ft.
5. A maximum of 30 percent moderate water demand plants will be accepted.
6. Eligible plant lists (other water-wise plants will be considered on a case-by-case basis):
 - thorntonco.gov/government/citydevelopment/Pages/landscape-architecture.aspx
 - plantselect.org/plants/our-plants/
 - resourcecentral.org/gardens/ (except vegetable gardens)

Qualifying Low to No Water Turf Zones

Qualifying grass seed areas will receive a rebate of up to **\$1/sq. ft.** To learn more about low-water turf options visit <https://tinyurl.com/ht4zgy>

1. Cool Season Turf
 - Turf Type Tall Fescue
 - Fine Fescues (only Sheep, Blue and Hard fine fescues)
 - Texas Hybrid Bluegrass
2. Warm Season Turf
 - Mix of Buffalograss and Blue Grama
 - Dog Tuff™ Grass from Plantselect.org

Artificial turf is eligible only in the side and back yards ([Thornton City Code, Section 18-542](#)) and must be professionally installed to receive a **\$2/sq. ft.** rebate.

1. The use of indoor or outdoor carpeting in lieu of artificial turf material is not permitted.
2. A **Minor Development Permit** is required prior to the installation of artificial turf as landscaping. Please contact Water Resources for further details. E-mail water@thorntonwater.com or call 720-977-6600.
3. Must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications and in a manner to mimic healthy living turf.
4. Must have a minimum eight-year warranty against fading.
5. Must be installed over compacted aggregate base material (minimum 3-5 inches deep).
6. Must be anchored at all edges and seams.

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Qualifying Permeable Hardscapes

Installation of hardscapes such as flagstone or paver paths, up to 4 feet wide, and patios qualify. Hardscape entertainment spaces must be permeable to qualify. Note: Concrete patios and rock-mulched areas without plants are not considered permeable hardscapes and are not eligible.

Qualifying Decks

Decks must replace an area of irrigated landscape to qualify.

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