

2026 Irrigation Efficiency Project Rebate Rules and Application

Effective January 1, 2026



Program Steps:

1. Review rebate rules, application form and W9 tax form.
2. Contact Thornton Water Resources staff at 720-977-6600 or water@ThorntonWater.com to tell us about your proposed irrigation efficiency improvement project and to verify there are funds available.
 - ◆ Examples could include upgrading irrigation components, adding flow sensors, installation of new water-efficient technology, for example a master valve or hydrometer, etc.
3. Schedule a pre-project water efficiency site visit with Water Resources staff to evaluate water efficiency and how the project will increase efficiency.
4. If the project is approved, Thornton staff will send a pre-approval email.
5. Thornton staff will contact you to schedule a post-project inspection.
6. Following inspection and submission of final application and itemized receipt(s), the rebate will be dispersed in the form of ACH Deposit, or credit to a city of Thornton utility account. Rebate credits can take up to three months to receive.

Rebate Program Rules:

- This program applies to 2025 projects.
- Water Efficiency Project Rebates are available to qualifying non-residential, commercial and HOA water customers of the city of Thornton.
- Participants must have current, non-delinquent city of Thornton water accounts. Sewer-only customers are not eligible.
- Rebates require pre-approval from Water Resources staff.
- Rebates are for NEW equipment only. Used or refurbished equipment does not qualify.
- Total rebate amount is limited to 50% of the project cost.
- Qualifying site must show a reduction of historical water demand once the project is complete.
- The project can be split into phases with funding provided for each phase. The city of Thornton rebate funding will cover 50 percent of the approved project cost, up to \$10,000 per project. If the project is split into phases, the rebate can cover 50 percent of each phase until the maximum of \$10,000 is reached. Project reports and inspections will be required after each phase is completed.

Tax Notice: All commercial rebates require submitting a W-9 form to Thornton. All personal information provided within the W-9 is kept confidential under the Privacy Act. The determination of whether your rebate is taxable or not may depend on several variables. We recommend contacting your tax professional.

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- A legible, itemized copy of the project receipt(s) must accompany the rebate application. Supporting documentation must include date of purchase, vendor, cost paid, and model information to verify eligibility.
- The site may be subject to inspection by Thornton staff, which will be scheduled prior to the rebate being issued. Final site inspection is required to verify project completion.
- Incomplete applications and those without a copy of the purchase receipt(s) and required photographs will be denied.
- The rebate application information must match the Utility Billing account.
- The business name must match the name on the W9 tax form.
- Rebates are offered on a first-come, first-served basis and are subject to the availability of funds.
- Rebate funding is authorized by the Water Resources Division.
- Water consumption will be monitored to determine if site shows a reduction in water use. If site does not show a reduction, Thornton staff reserves the right to work with participants to figure out why and offer directions to achieve desired savings.

Applicant Information:

Applicant name: _____

Applicant organization/entity: _____

Thornton Water Account: _____

Type of organization: _____

Contact person: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip code: _____

Phone (office): _____ Phone (cell): _____

Email address: _____

Property Owner (Name & phone number): _____

Estimated water usage per month: _____

Property Owner (Name & phone number): _____

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Project Information

Project name: _____

Project address (if different): _____

Sq. Ft. of Irrigated Landscape: _____

Is this landscape currently irrigated? If so, please describe the current system. If not, please describe the new irrigation system:

Model of Irrigation Controller(s): _____ Number of Zones: _____

What is the current approximate ratio of turf/plants/hardscape (percentages)?

Project overview (purpose and need): _____

What are the anticipated water savings following your project's completion? Please show/explain calculations.

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Are you receiving grant funding or rebates through another sources? If so, please explain.

Anticipated start date: _____

Anticipated completion date for the project: _____

Contractor(s) name, company and contact info, if applicable:

Project installation cost estimate (please provide copy of estimate/invoice):

Project Design (if applicable)

Attach plans or include a basic sketch below including products, materials, and process improvement details.

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Please check the following if you agree:

- I will provide before and after photos and other requested documentation for the project.
- I have read the rebate rules.
- I agree to a post-project inspection by Water Resources staff
- If this project does not show water savings, I agree to work with the city to figure out why and adjust achieve water savings.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

To submit application and documentation or questions:

Email Water@ThorntonWater.com or call 720-977-6600

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Date Application Received: _____	Total Project Costs: _____
Inspection Date: _____	Check Request Amount: _____
Project Area (sq. ft.): _____	Check Request Date: _____
Date Project Approved: _____	
Approved by: _____	

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