

**2026 COMMERCIAL BUILDING  
WATER EFFICIENCY PROJECT REBATE RULES AND APPLICATION**

Effective January 1, 2026

**Program Steps:**

1. Review the rebate rules, application form and W9 tax form.
2. Contact Thornton Water Resources staff at 720-977-6600 or [water@ThorntonWater.com](mailto:water@ThorntonWater.com) to tell us about your proposed commercial building water efficiency project and see if funds are available.
  - ◆ Examples could include upgrading plumbing fixtures and appliances, construction of a reuse system, installation of new water-efficient technology, retrofitting a water intensive process, 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 Zelle, 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 2026 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.
- 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.

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- The site may be subject to inspection by Thornton Water Resources 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 &amp; phone number): \_\_\_\_\_

Commercial Category (School, Hotel, Restaurant, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Sq. Ft. of Building: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Employees: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Daily Visitors: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated water usage per month: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner (Name &amp; phone number): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Project Information**

Project name: \_\_\_\_\_

Project address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Project overview (purpose and need): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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Anticipated start date: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated end date for the project: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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**Project Design** (if applicable)

Attach plans or include a basic sketch below including products, materials, 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](mailto:Water@ThorntonWater.com)

or call 720-977-6600

**Office Use Only**

Date Application Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Project Costs: \_\_\_\_\_

Inspection Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Request Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Project Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Request Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

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