

## 2026 Lawn Replacement Program Information and Requirements

Effective January 1, 2026

Thornton Water, in collaboration with [Resource Central](#), is offering water customers discounted lawn removal services, including the physical removal of a selected portion of your lawn. The 2026 Lawn Replacement Program rate is just \$2.65 per square foot. Thornton Water will cover the first \$1.65 per square foot (up to \$750), and you'll only need to pay the remaining \$1.00 per square foot. As an approved participant, you can enjoy up to \$750 in discounts for lawn removal or up to 4 Garden In A Box kits.

This program aims to make it easier for water customers to save water outdoors and to help our community cultivate beautiful water-wise gardens. Visit [ThorntonWater.com/H2Overhaul](https://ThorntonWater.com/H2Overhaul) for helpful resources, like our **FREE** H2Overhaul Kit and [Water-Wise Landscape Rebate](#). You may also visit [Waterwise Yards](#) for more inspiration.

### Program Enrollment

Applying for the program is simple. If you're interested in removing a portion of your lawn, sign up here: <https://resourcecentral.org/lawn/apply/>.

Due to high demand, Resource Central can accept only a limited number of participants. To secure your spot, we recommend the following:

- ◆ Submit early – Resource Central will review and approve applications as they are received.
- ◆ Plan your project—Show us a clear plan for where you'll remove the grass, how you'll cover the space, and how you'll adjust your irrigation system and schedule. They need to see that your project will save water!
- ◆ Submit a complete application – an incorrect water utility account number or a missing "before" photo will delay the approval process, and you may lose your space.
- ◆ After Resource Central reviews your application, they will guide you through a 15 – 30-minute phone consultation to review your project. Your application is not fully approved until you complete the consultation and return the signed contract.

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It's important to note that Resource Central generally approves 90% of applications if they meet the basic project requirements and demonstrate significant water savings. Space and program funding are limited to a predetermined number of households. Supplies and participation are limited and fluctuate annually.

If you have questions, please see the [FAQ's](#) for the Lawn Replacement Program. You may also email [turfremoval@resourcecentral.org](mailto:turfremoval@resourcecentral.org) or call 303-999-3820 x221.

### Service Provided

If your project qualifies, Resource Central will review your application and schedule a consultation. You are responsible for the \$1.00 per square foot lawn removal fee and purchasing, picking up, and planting your Garden In A Box kits.

### Qualifying Mulched Plant Beds for Your New Water-Wise Garden

1. No more than 30 percent bare mulch (at plant mature size).
2. Eligible mulch types include shredded bark, bark chips, or rock.
3. Pick up plants at the location you choose from the Resource Central Garden In A Box pick-up day.
4. Plant your garden using the numbering system on the plant guide provided to you with your new garden.

### Show Us Your Garden!

Send at least one photo of your new garden to [water@thorntonwater.com](mailto:water@thorntonwater.com) and include your address. If you cannot send a photo, please schedule an appointment for a staff visit.

Contact us at [water@thorntonwater.com](mailto:water@thorntonwater.com) or 720-977-6600.