

# H<sub>2</sub>OC RAINSMART REBATES PILOT PROGRAM

## Large Landscape Upgrade Program Overview

### Claim your spot now to upgrade your landscape and save money!

H<sub>2</sub>OC, the Orange County Stormwater Program, and local water utilities are offering incentives and assistance to help you make waterway-wise upgrades on your property. These improvements can decrease water use, save money, and protect OC's water bodies.

The program will help cover upgrade costs and partner large landscape property owners with experts. These experts will work with property owners free of charge to tailor the best combination of landscape enhancements and available rebate options for them. The program also offers substantial additional incentives for landscape features to collect rainwater, manage runoff, and help local waterways flourish.



Pilot program participants will receive:

- Start to finish design and installation assistance
- Help to obtain large financial incentives including:
  1. Rebates starting at \$4/sqft of grass replaced (including all applicable programs)
  2. Incentives for labor and materials for rainwater features
  3. Rebates for irrigation system upgrades like controllers and drip irrigation
- Landscape maintenance plans for long term water management success.

## HOA CASE STUDY: WATER AND COST SAVINGS IN SAN DIEGO

\$65k in estimated cost savings over 10 years

A similar program in San Diego County worked with an HOA to cover 86% of the cost to convert over 21,000 square feet of unused turf. The gorgeous new sustainable landscaping is estimated to reduce water use in the area by 80%.

More than \$100k of cost covered by rebates

## WHY CONVERT TO A SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPE?

### Be a community leader.

Help make South Orange County's cities more resilient now and into the future.

### Improve local water quality.

Help keep pollutants out of local waterways protecting local swimmers, surfers, and wildlife.

### Improve the environment.

Create habitat for pollinators, lower the average temperature of your community, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

### Reduce water use and management costs.

OC Garden Friendly plants can reduce water use by 70-80% compared to turf grass. Reducing runoff also helps avoid penalties and property repairs.

### Increase property values.

Raise property values by 2-5% by installing sustainable landscapes.



# PROGRAM PROCESS

Maximize your landscape. Minimize your bills.



**Discovery Meeting and Participant Agreement**  
We learn your needs, devise a plan, and confirm your fit for the program.

**Site Assessment**  
Our team will assess the landscape and recommend priority upgrades and rainwater features.

**Landscape Design**  
We'll help you work with current or new partners to achieve the look you want for your new landscape.

**Rebate Application**  
We'll assess which rebates you're eligible for and estimate your cost savings. We help you to reserve the rebate funds and get approvals. This is required **before work starts** to ensure eligibility.

**Turf Removal and Landscape Transformation**  
Your selected contractor will remove turfgrass and install sustainable landscaping and efficient irrigation.

**Post Project Verification and Rebate Payment**  
We help set you up for long-term water management success and ensure you receive your rebates.

## PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

You may be eligible to participate if you

- 1 Receive water from one of the following water providers: El Toro WD, Laguna Beach County WD, Moulton Niguel WD, Santa Margarita WD, City of San Clemente, South Coast WD, Trabuco Canyon WD.
- 2 Have at least 10,000 sq. ft. of existing turfgrass with an operating in-ground irrigation system. No turf can be removed before receiving a reservation.
- 3 Are willing to complete a large turf replacement and rainwater treatment project.

## CLAIM YOUR SPOT!

Learn more at [h2oc.org/rainsmart](http://h2oc.org/rainsmart)

Space is limited. Email Megan Chery at [mchery@enviroincentives.com](mailto:mchery@enviroincentives.com) to find out if you are eligible to participate.

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