



## 2022 Water Efficiency Rebate Program

Eligible Properties	Rebate Name	Rebate Credit
Residential	Irrigation Audit	\$75
Commercial/Irrigation-Only /HOA	Irrigation Audit	\$125
All	Smart Irrigation Controller	\$100
All	Irrigation Efficiency Bundle	25% of a customer's cost up to \$1,000
All	Turf Replacement Rebate	\$1.00 per square foot.

### Irrigation Audit Rebate:

Irrigation audits are required for commercial, irrigation-only, and HOA accounts to participate in other components of the rebate program; residential customers may choose to do an irrigation audit, but it is optional.

- **Residential Accounts (Optional – does not impact eligibility for other rebates)**
  - ERWSD will provide a \$75 rebate for residential customers who choose to have an irrigation audit performed by a certified irrigation auditor.
  - Below are links to certified irrigation auditors:
    - [Qualified Water Efficient Landscaping Professionals - local](#)
    - [Irrigation Association Certified Irrigation Professionals](#)
  - A homeowner may also choose to perform a self-audit. However, the self-audit does not qualify for the \$75 rebate. Self-audit forms can be found in Appendix A.
  - Contact Customer Service at 970-477-5451 for more information.

## Irrigation Audit Rebate: Continued

- **Multi-family Residential, Commercial, or Irrigation-Only Accounts (Required for participation in other rebates – excluding turf replacement)**
  - ERWSD will provide a \$125 rebate for accounts that perform a third-party irrigation audit for multi-family, commercial, or irrigation-only accounts.
  - Audits must focus on common space irrigated areas serviced by the account.
  - Customers must also schedule an irrigated area assessment with ERWSD prior to receipt of an irrigation audit rebate.

## Irrigation System Rebate

- **Smart Irrigation Controller**
  - ERWSD will provide a rebate for up to \$100 off the cost of a new [EPA WaterSense-certified smart irrigation controller](#).
  - For a list of qualifying weather-based smart irrigation controllers, or soil moisture-based irrigation controllers, please reference the [EPA WaterSense irrigation controller product list](#).
  - Smart irrigation controllers must be used to replace manually adjusted, timer-based irrigation controllers.
  - This rebate can be used one time per account in a 10-year period and may be combined with the irrigation efficiency rebate at the discretion of ERWSD.
- **Irrigation Efficiency Bundle**
  - ERWSD will rebate 25% of a customer's expenses, up to \$1,000, to offset the costs of upgrading and implementing a home's irrigation system.
  - For all customers, an irrigation audit is required to participate in the Irrigation Efficiency Bundle rebate.
  - The Irrigation Efficiency Bundle Rebate may only be used for equipment and/or irrigation system upgrades and cannot be used for costs associated with landscape design, consultations, or installation services.
  - Examples of efficiency improvements include but may not be limited to
    - replacing old, non-efficient sprinkler heads/bodies with low-flow drip irrigation
    - replacing pop-up spray heads with low-flow, multi-stream nozzles
    - installing pressure regulators
    - implementing low-lying sprinklers
    - upgrading traditional timed irrigation controllers to "smart" irrigation controllers
    - installing soil moisture sensors
  - The Irrigation Efficiency Bundle rebate may be combined with the irrigation controller upgrade rebate at the discretion of ERWSD.

- The irrigation efficiency bundle rebate may only be used one time per customer in a 10-year period.
- For a list of qualifying sprinkler products, please refer to the [EPA WaterSense approved spray sprinkler bodies product list](#).

## Turf Replacement Program

- **Turf Replacement Rebate**

- District/Authority customers, registered in WaterSmart, are eligible for a rebate of \$1.00 per square foot of turf removed.
- The area converted must be a previously irrigated, established, non-native lawn.
- Customer must remove a minimum of 100 square feet of irrigated turf. A customer may apply for the rebate in future years, but must remove 100 square feet of turf for each rebate.
- There is no upper limit on the amount of qualifying turf that can be replaced.
- To receive a turf replacement rebate, ERWSD must be able to validate existing turf areas prior to the start of the project. Turf that is dead or dying from lack of irrigation will qualify for a rebate. However, bare dirt does not qualify for a rebate.
- Turf must be replaced with alpine or adapted vegetation, and/or hardscape, as approved by ERWSD. Colorado native grasses may qualify if they are not mowed.
- Rebates will not be provided for artificial turf or hard scape installation associated with pools, fountains, hot tubs, or other water features.
- ERWSD will work with customers to verify that turf replacement activities meet our program goals.
- Turf replacement activities must follow the Town of Vail and/or Eagle River Fire Protection District guidance on defensible space.
  - [Town of Vail Defensible Space Guidance](#)
  - [Eagle River Fire Protection District Guidance](#)