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Why STAGE 2?

The American Southwest is approaching nearly two full decades of dry conditions. Experts are saying a diminished Sierra Snowpack and long dry periods are likely the new normal. Recognizing the large-scale water supply challenges in the state and the need for long-term conservation, Governor Brown issued an Executive Order on May 8, 2016, calling on state and local agencies to adopt lasting and effective water standards. As a result, MNWD will remain in Stage 2 of its Water Shortage Contingency Plan, which requires all customers to use water efficiently.

Conserving water has always been a priority for the District, as it reduces our dependence on imported water and increases our ability to handle long-term droughts and short-term emergencies. Water use efficiency has proven to be the most cost-effective way to achieve reliability and increase water availability.

Today, we have the largest number of District customers living within their individual water budgets. As a result, approximately 95 percent of all the water used in our service area is being used efficiently. Stage 2 specifically targets inefficient users, while those customers who use water efficiently will see no change in their water bills. The District has focused on penalizing wasteful usage because water use efficiency is not about using less, but *wasting* less. In an effort to help customers avoid paying penalties, the District offers a variety of rebates, home survey programs, and landscape workshops to help customers stay within their budget.

REBATES

The District is currently offering rebates for both indoor and outdoor water saving devices and low water use landscapes. Applications can be found online at <https://www.mnwd.com/rebates>. You may be redirected to Metropolitan Water District's website or OC Watersmart, as the District is partnering with these agencies in this process.

See reverse side for how to take advantage of these rebates!

REBATE PROGRAMS

INDOOR

OUTDOOR

\$285
per washer



High efficiency clothes washers
 max: 1

\$235
per timer



Smart timers or soil moisture sensors
 max: 2

\$175
per kit



Drip irrigation
 max: 3

\$35
per barrel



Rain barrels
 max: 2

\$40
per toilet



Premium high efficiency toilets
 max: 1

\$6
per nozzle



Rotating nozzles
 max: 25

\$2
per sq. foot



Turf removal
 max: 3,000

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WONDERING HOW TO GET A REBATE?

Follow these easy steps and you'll be ready to go!

Step One: Go to <https://www.mnwd.com/rebates> and click on either *Residential* or *Commercial rebates*.

Tip: Before you start the online rebate process for devices, make sure you have the following:

- Address
- Account number (Found on your water bill)
- Receipt from purchase of device (A digital copy will be needed for some rebates)

Since public funds are being used to make these rebate programs available, it is necessary to make certain information about program participation available to the public, if requested. Once you are at the site, you'll be asked if you agree to the information below being disclosed. Please confirm your acceptance of public disclosure requirements.

Step Two: Input contact information.

Step Three: Select the device(s) you wish to receive a rebate for.

Step Four: Enter device information.

Step Five: Review the survey and Terms and Conditions.

Step Six: YOU'RE FINISHED!

GO PAPERLESS!

Our convenient eBilling allows you to receive your bill electronically and pay for your water and sewer services online. To sign up for our eBill service, visit: <http://www.mnwd.com/e-bill/>.

FOLLOW US ONLINE!



For more information, visit www.mnwd.com/yourmnwd



INTERESTED IN TURF REMOVAL?

If you are applying for a **turf rebate**, the process is a bit different. Here are some helpful sites to get you started on your new landscape.

For the Do-It-Yourself types:

http://cnps.org/cnps/grownative/getstarted/starting_a_garden.php

For those who are looking for some help:

<http://www.rightscapenow.com/landscape-resources/local-landscapers>

To start the turf rebate process, go to <https://www.mnwd.com/rebates> and click on either Residential or Commercial rebates. Scroll down to the turf removal section and click Apply!

Are you **just** removing turf or are you removing turf **AND** installing synthetic turf? Click on the option that best fits your project.

When submitting your turf rebate application, you will need the following:

- Your current water bill
- 3-5 photos of the project area
- A simple site plan (may be hand-drawn)
- A valid email address

Once you've submitted the application, the District will contact you to schedule a pre-inspection and get you started on your project. Please do not remove any turf until a pre-inspection is complete. For a list of eligible projects and more details on the process, please visit the site below:

https://mwdoc.dropletportal.com/program/participation_process/

For any questions, our conservation department is here to help at **(949) 448-4025**.