



# Turf Removal Program

The Municipal Water District of Orange County's (MWDOC) Turf Removal Program provides financial incentives to qualifying residents, HOAs, and businesses that remove live turf from their properties and replace it with California Friendly/native plants and/or other permeable materials. Currently, the incentive is **at \$2.00 (or more) per square foot of turf removed** (while funding lasts). Participation in this program is voluntary and is encouraged by local participating retail water providers. For more information and to apply, please visit [www.ocwatersmart.com](http://www.ocwatersmart.com).

## What you will need

- Your water bill.
- A simple site plan (may be hand-drawn).

## How to Apply

- Print out and complete an application and send it via U.S. mail - or - complete the online application at [www.ocwatersmart.com](http://www.ocwatersmart.com).
- The application package must include a copy of your water bill and a simple site plan.

## Process

- Once MWDOC receives the completed application and establishes eligibility<sup>1</sup>, a mandatory site pre-inspection will be scheduled within two weeks.
- The results of your site pre-inspection will be reviewed by MWDOC. If your site qualifies for the program<sup>1</sup>, a Notice to Proceed will be emailed or mailed to you within ten (10) business days. Upon receipt, you may begin your project.
- From the receipt of the Notice to Proceed Letter, you will have sixty (60) days to complete the work.
- Once all work is complete, email [TurfRemoval@mwdoc.com](mailto:TurfRemoval@mwdoc.com) to schedule a site post-inspection.

## Restrictions

- Turf must be replaced with California Friendly plants and/or permeable materials, such as synthetic turf. Visit [www.ocwatersmart.com](http://www.ocwatersmart.com) for helpful links to qualifying plants and materials.
- Projects started prior to the pre-inspection are ineligible.
- Project minimum of 250 square feet. Sites with less turf are eligible if 100% of the turf at the site is removed. There is no project maximum.
- Costs include materials, dumping fees, rental equipment, and design work. Labor costs are reimbursable if performed by a licensed contractor and an invoice is provided. If you perform the work yourself, labor costs are not reimbursable.
- Rebate amount cannot exceed overall project costs.



California drought tolerant garden with a permeable surface rock path. Featured plants include Euphorbia, Russian Sage, Autumn Joy Sedum, and Licorice Mint.



Several examples of beautiful, drought tolerant, California native plants.



Succulents can add a lot of vibrant color and texture to a garden. They are drought tolerant and easy to maintain - perfect for Southern California!



Colorful California Friendly plants, beautiful semi-permeable pavers, and complementary grass alternatives.

<sup>1</sup> Please note, not all projects submitted will be approved.