

Rebate: Overhead to drip irrigation conversion



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Our new overhead to drip conversion rebate returns a portion of the cost of drip irrigation equipment to customers converting high-water use landscaping to low-water use landscaping.



Frequently-asked questions

What is considered overhead irrigation?

Overhead irrigation is any spray or rotor sprinkler system that broadcasts water into the air.

What is considered drip irrigation?

Drip irrigation is a type of highly-efficient irrigation where water is delivered from the irrigation pipe directly to the soil at the root zone of the plant. Sprinkler systems that broadcast water into the air do not qualify.

What products are rebated?

- Drip pipe (one-half inch or greater)
- Inline drip pipe (one-half inch or greater)
- Emitters
- Pressure regulators
- Filters

There are other drip irrigation system components that are not rebated. For example, one-quarter inch tubing, stakes, fittings, clamps, valve boxes, bug caps and drip kits (that do not contain a pressure regulator and filter) are all examples of unqualified rebate equipment. Please look at the qualified drip irrigation equipment list at csu.org to make sure the product you purchase qualifies.

Does the conversion from overhead irrigation to subterranean irrigation for my grass qualify?

No. Low-water plant material must be present in the converted area. Turfgrass is not considered low water for the purpose of this rebate.



Currently I hand water grass in the area I plan to convert to drip irrigation and low-water landscaping. Will I qualify for the rebate?

This rebate applies only to projects that will involve the removal of an existing overhead irrigation zone and the installation of a new drip zone. Areas currently hand watered do not qualify.

If I have a new house and plan to install new landscaping can I apply?

This rebate is for retrofit projects that involve removing an existing overhead sprinkler system and high water using plants, not for new landscape installations. You may qualify for other irrigation rebates at csu.org.

Do non-potable irrigation systems qualify?

This rebate is for potable systems only.

What is the rebate amount?

The amounts are up to \$200 per residential account or \$1,000 per commercial account, based on available funding. Minimum rebate amount is \$50 per residential account or \$100 per commercial account.

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How is the rebate calculated?

You will be credited up to a fixed amount for each emitter, pressure regulator and filter. You will also be credited up to a fixed amount for each linear foot of drip irrigation pipe.

How often can a customer apply for the rebate?

Once per year and twice in any three-year period to allow phased changes to existing landscapes.

What qualification requirements must be met?

- The conversion area must have contained 75 percent ground plane coverage of healthy, well-watered turfgrass or other high-water use plants.
- After the converted area is relandscaped, it must contain low-water use plants that will achieve 50 percent (residential) or 75 percent (commercial) ground plane coverage at maturity.
 - The residential plant coverage threshold reflects our commitment to promoting healthy, attractive landscapes that add value to our community.
 - The commercial plant coverage threshold is required by the City of Colorado Springs Commercial Landscape Code.
- Additional rules are listed in the “Rules and Qualifications” on the rebate application.

What type of approval process or documentation is required?

No prior approval is required. When submitting the rebate application, you will initial or check a project “qualification checklist,” which certifies your project meets the program qualification requirements (see application).

Dated paid receipts or invoices with sufficient information are required to determine eligible products were used, as well as an Irrigation Equipment Worksheet. A copy of a valid photo ID must also be included.

See the application for a complete list of required

elements.

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