

Residential Water-Use Efficiency Incentives, Programs & Classes



DIVERSIFICATION

Enhancing Water Supply Reliability



Using water efficiently is a responsibility that comes along with the benefits of living in our beautiful Mediterranean climate – and it also helps control your water costs! As residents, we can all improve how we use and conserve this valuable natural resource in and around our homes.

The San Diego County Water Authority and its member agencies offer numerous programs to help achieve water savings – both indoors and outdoors – while enhancing your living space.

For residential programs, rebates, incentives and more, go to WaterSmartSD.org.

Check out the resources below and on WaterSmartSD.org to get started on a project or two with expert advice and possibly a rebate to help cover the costs.



SDG&E Programs

Qualifying residential customers can receive:

- Free water- and energy-related home improvements through the Energy Savings Assistance Program
 - A free Water & Energy Savings Kit
- Details are at sdge.com.

INCENTIVES, PROGRAMS & CLASSES

Discount Artificial Turf Pilot Program

Outdoor water use accounts for more than half of all water used by single-family residences. Reduce outdoor water use by installing artificial turf. Residents can get a 10 percent discount on artificial turf products and services from participating artificial turf companies. For a list of participating companies, go to WaterSmartSD.org.

WaterSmart Checkups

Free WaterSmart Checkups are a great opportunity to receive site-specific recommendations for saving water from certified irrigation professionals. The pros provide ideas and suggestions; residents get to decide if and when to implement them. Water savings can top 20 percent. Go to WaterSmartCheckup.org.

Garden Friendly Plant Fairs

Residents can get first-hand advice from gardening experts and receive savings on varieties of low-water-use plants during San Diego County Garden Friendly Plant Fairs that have been held in conjunction with The Home Depot. For upcoming plant fairs, go to WaterSmartSD.org.

WaterSmart Landscape Makeover Program

Learn how to upgrade your landscape by replacing high-water-use turf with beautiful, low-water options by taking advantage of free resources:

- Landscape Makeover Series – This four-class series coached by local landscape professionals focuses on each participant's landscape to create actionable designs, planting and irrigation plans to turn turf areas into gardens that thrive in San Diego County's climate.
- Design for Homeowners Workshop – A three-hour version of the makeover series for homeowners who cannot attend all four classes, this workshop supports the installation of low-water landscapes that are lifestyle-friendly.
- Landscape Makeover Videos On Demand – This video series takes homeowners step-by-step through the process of creating water-efficient landscapes. From learning about soil types to picking the right plants, these entertaining and informative videos allow residents to move at their own pace. Details are at WaterSmartSD.org.



REBATES

These rebates are provided through SoCal WaterSmart, a region-wide program that offers rebates for devices that improve water-use efficiency at residential properties. Funding is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Go to SoCalWaterSmart.com for more information.

High-Efficiency Clothes Washer Rebates

Southern California residents may qualify for rebates starting at \$85 for the purchase of a high-efficiency clothes washer from a list of qualified products. An additional rebate may be available from San Diego Gas & Electric. Go to sdge.com for more information. High-efficiency washers, known as HEW's, use 40 percent less water and 25 percent less energy than conventional clothes washers.

Premium High-Efficiency Toilet Rebates

Homeowners may qualify for rebates starting at \$40 for purchasing 1.1 gallons per flush premium high-efficiency toilets from the list of qualified products. Toilets account for nearly 30 percent of a typical home's indoor water use.

Rotating Irrigation Nozzle Rebates

Rebates up to \$2 each are available for rotating nozzles, which reduce runoff and water waste by using 20 percent less water than conventional spray heads. Participants must buy at least 30 nozzles from the list of qualified products to be eligible for rebates.

Residential Smart Controller Rebates

Approved weather-based irrigation controllers are eligible for rebates starting at \$80 per controller for landscapes less than one acre and \$35 per station for larger landscapes.

Residential Rain Barrel and Cistern Rebates

Rebates are available for up to \$35 per rain barrel (maximum two rebates per residence) or \$250-\$350 for a cistern depending on capacity. Rain barrels and cisterns collect water from gutters and downspouts for use on landscapes, while reducing the amount of water flowing into storm drains.

Soil Moisture Sensor System Rebates

Soil moisture sensors measure the amount of water in the active root zones. Eligible soil moisture sensor systems include a sensor and a calibrator (typically packaged in the same device) and an irrigation controller. Rebates start at \$80 for a single soil moisture sensor system for landscapes less than one acre and \$35 per irrigation station for larger sites.

Property Assessed Clean Energy Program

PACE program financing allows property owners to fund qualified water efficiency projects with little or no up-front costs. Properties located within participating cities or unincorporated areas of San Diego County may be able to finance up to 100% of their project and pay it back over time through property tax bills. For more information, go to your city's website or the County of San Diego's website if you live in an unincorporated area.



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