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# PWD's Cash for Grass Program Application and Agreement



Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact person (if not owner): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #s: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Address of site to be converted \_\_\_\_\_ zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: (if differs from SITE address) \_\_\_\_\_

CUSTOMER ACCOUNT AND LOCATION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated SQ FT of conversion: \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:**

- 1) Read the agreement on the second page of this form for program details.
- 2) Submit your original completed and signed application.
- 3) Make a copy and keep for your records.
- 4) A representative from the District will call you to verify site qualifications and set up a pre-conversion site visit.
- 5) Upon completion of the site visit (within 6 months) contact the District for a final inspection.  
(Extensions may be awarded at the District's representative's discretion)
- 6) After verification of the completed landscape, you will receive a check for \$0.40 per square foot of turf removed (within approximately three weeks)

**Important: You must participate in a pre-conversion site visit before removing your lawn.**

I have read and understand Palmdale Water District's program requirements as stated in this application. I further understand that I must be the property owner or the owner's legally-appointed representative in order to claim any funds. I agree to participate in a free, post site evaluation if contacted by Palmdale Water District. Furthermore, I agree to allow Palmdale Water District to track the property's water use and conduct post site inspections for the duration of the five year period. Any claims about defects or performance of the selected landscape materials will be between me and the manufacturer / distributor of the product. Palmdale Water District specifically disclaims any representations or warranties about any landscaping products, whether expressed or implied.

Please sign at the bottom, initial the second page, include attachments and mail to:  
 Palmdale Water District --- Cash for Grass Program  
 Attention: Claudette Roberts, Water Conservation Manager  
 2029 East Ave. Q  
 Palmdale, California 93550

**Signature Required:**

I certify that I am the property owner or the owner's legally-appointed representative. I understand and agree to the program conditions on the second page of this form.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you include?    Copy of Water Bill     Authorized Signature     Initials on page two (2)

## PWD's Cash for Grass Program Conditions

### Eligibility:

- 1) Funds are available to single family residential, multi family, or commercial customers of the Palmdale Water District.
- 2) A minimum of 400 sq. ft. or more of grass must be converted. The maximum sq. ft. is 45% of total parcel area.
- 3) All plants must be on the City of Palmdale's approved list.
- 4) There is a 60 % or more plant replacement factor.
- 5) Replacement surfaces must be permeable to water and air.
- 6) Existing irrigation systems must be modified to eliminate spray irrigation.
- 7) The rebate will be set at \$.40 per sq. ft. to start.
- 8) Participants must be willing to keep new landscape in place for a minimum of 5 years.
- 9) **Important: You must participate in a pre-conversion site visit before removing your lawn. Starting without approval will make your conversion ineligible.**

### **Requirements for the Converted Landscapes**

#### **Plantings:**

At completion, converted planted areas must be water wise plants from City of Palmdale's plant list. A plant coverage worksheet is included with this application. At least 400 sq. ft. of lawn must be converted. At maturity at least 60% of the landscape area must have plant coverage. Existing plants or trees may be considered as part of the 60% coverage with approval from PWD site inspector.

#### **Surface Treatments:**

Converted areas must be permeable to air and water. Surface treatments such as mulches of rock, gravel, bark, and small amounts of ungrouted stepping stones are recommended. If a weed barrier is used it must be manufactured to be permeable to air and water. Concrete, plastic sheeting, or other impermeable treatments do not qualify. Important: check with the City of Palmdale for approved materials. ([www.cityofpalmdale.org/city\\_hall/codes.html](http://www.cityofpalmdale.org/city_hall/codes.html))

#### **Irrigation:**

Existing irrigation systems and schedules should be modified to efficiently irrigate the new water-wise landscape. Irrigation systems must be modified to eliminate spray irrigation. Efficient irrigation systems, such as drip, bubblers, smart controllers are encouraged.

#### **Terms of the Program**

This agreement expires in six months. The six-month term begins the day after a site inspector from Palmdale Water District approves the agreement and ends at 5:00 p.m. on the first business day after six months have elapsed. Once you notify Palmdale Water District that the conversion is complete, any delay for final inspection is not counted as part of the six-month term (extensions may be awarded at PWD's representative's discretion). Only one payment will be issued under this agreement; additional conversions require a new application.

#### **Incentive amounts**

A minimum of 400 sq. ft. of qualifying area per property, per owner, will be funded at \$.40 per sq. ft. The Maximum sq. ft. of qualifying area is 45% percent of the total parcel area. Checks are issued to the property owner or the owner's legally-appointed agent.

#### **Final Inspection**

After notification of the property's completion, a program representative will conduct an inspection to verify compliance. If the conversion fails inspection, you will have 60 days or the remainder of the six month period, which ever is greater to fully comply with the program conditions.

#### **Requirements to sustain conversion**

The converted area must remain in compliance with all program conditions for a period of 5 years. If this requirement is violated you may be required to refund all or a portion of the program payment. The agreement is void upon transfer of property.

#### **Other responsibilities of the applicant**

Palmdale Water District enforces only the conditions of the Cash for Grass program agreement. The applicant is responsible for complying with all laws, policies, codes and covenants that may apply. Quality and appearance of the conversion is the responsibility of the applicant. By participating in the program you agree to allow Palmdale Water District to track your water use and conduct post site inspections for the duration of the five year period.

Please initial \_\_\_\_\_

Please initial \_\_\_\_\_

## PWD's Cash for Grass Program



### Sample and Instructions for Completing the Plant Coverage Worksheet

- 1) List the names of the plants for your conversion in column (A).
- 2) Use the conversion plant list to find the plant coverage value for each plant in your new landscape Inter that in column (B).
- 3) List the quantity of each plant to be included in your landscape conversion in the quantity column (C).
- 4) Multiply column (B) by column (C) to get total plant coverage for each plant and enter in column (D)
- 5) Add the plant coverage in column (D) and place in (E) below.
- 6) If you have approved existing plant coverage, add the sq. ft. (F) to the total in (E) this gives you a grand total (G)
- 7) Enter the sq. ft. of grass you plan to convert in (H) below. You must convert at least 400 sq. ft. of grass to xeriscape.
- 8) Divide the Grand Total Plant Coverage (G) by the sq. ft. you plan to convert (H) and multiply that value by 100 to get the total plant coverage (I) for your landcape plan.

At the discretion of the Palmdale Water District's site inspector existing trees and plants may be considered as part of the 60% plant coverage. Please get approval and signature from PWD before submitting your Plant Coverage Worksheet.

Sample:

	(A) Plant Name	(B) Plant Coverage Value		(C) Quantity	(D) Total Plant Coverage
1	<u>Trailing Lantana</u>	<u>28 ft2</u>	x	<u>3</u> (=)	<u>84ft2</u>
2	<u>Chilean Mesquite</u>	<u>530 ft2</u>	x	<u>2</u> (=)	<u>1060ft2</u>
3	<u>Green Desert Spoon</u>	<u>28 ft2</u>	x	<u>3</u> (=)	<u>84ft2</u>
4	<u>Red Bird of Paradise</u>	<u>28 ft2</u>	x	<u>1</u> (=)	<u>28ft2</u>
5	<u>Red Yucca</u>	<u>7 ft2</u>	x	<u>3</u> (=)	<u>21ft2</u>
6	<u>Compact Texas Ranger</u>	<u>20 ft2</u>	x	<u>4</u> (=)	<u>80ft2</u>
7	<u>Ocotillo</u>	<u>28 ft2</u>	x	<u>1</u> (=)	<u>28ft2</u>

**(E) Total Plant Coverage Values = 1385 ft2**

1	White Thorn Acacia	150 ft2	x	1 (=)	150ft2
2	Mediterranean Fan Palm	80 ft2	x	2 (=)	<u>160ft2</u>

**(F) Total approved existing plant coverage = 310ft2**

**(G) Grand total Plant Coverage = 1695 ft2**

(H) Turf Conversion Area = 1500 ft2

**(I) Plant Coverage [(G/H) x (100)] = 113%**

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Plant Coverage Worksheet**



(A) Plant Name	(B) Plant Coverage Valu	(C) Quantity	(D) Total Plant Coverage
1 _____	_____ ft2	x _____	(=) ft2 _____
2 _____	_____ ft2	x _____	(=) ft2 _____
3 _____	_____ ft2	x _____	(=) ft2 _____
4 _____	_____ ft2	x _____	(=) ft2 _____
5 _____	_____ ft2	x _____	(=) ft2 _____
6 _____	_____ ft2	x _____	(=) ft2 _____
7 _____	_____ ft2	x _____	(=) ft2 _____
8 _____	_____ ft2	x _____	(=) ft2 _____
9 _____	_____ ft2	x _____	(=) ft2 _____
10 _____	_____ ft2	x _____	(=) ft2 _____
11 _____	_____ ft2	x _____	(=) ft2 _____
12 _____	_____ ft2	x _____	(=) ft2 _____
13 _____	_____ ft2	x _____	(=) ft2 _____
14 _____	_____ ft2	x _____	(=) ft2 _____
15 _____	_____ ft2	x _____	(=) ft2 _____
16 _____	_____ ft2	x _____	(=) ft2 _____
17 _____	_____ ft2	x _____	(=) ft2 _____
18 _____	_____ ft2	x _____	(=) ft2 _____
19 _____	_____ ft2	x _____	(=) ft2 _____
20 _____	_____ ft2	x _____	(=) ft2 _____
Existing Plants		Total Sq. ft. New Plants:	_____
1 _____	_____ ft2	x _____	(=) ft2 _____
2 _____	_____ ft2	x _____	(=) ft2 _____
3 _____	_____ ft2	x _____	(=) ft2 _____
4 _____	_____ ft2	x _____	(=) ft2 _____
5 _____	_____ ft2	x _____	(=) ft2 _____
6 _____	_____ ft2	x _____	(=) ft2 _____
7 _____	_____ ft2	x _____	(=) ft2 _____
8 _____	_____ ft2	x _____	(=) ft2 _____
		Total Sq. ft. Existing Plants	_____

(E) Total New Plant Coverage Values = \_\_\_\_\_ ft2

(F) Total Approved Existing Plant Coverage Values = \_\_\_\_\_ ft2

(Approved by Site Inspector: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_)

(G) Grant Total Plant Coverage Values = \_\_\_\_\_ ft2

(H) Turf Conversion Area Sq. ft. = \_\_\_\_\_ ft2

(I) Plant Coverage [(G)/H] x (100)] \_\_\_\_\_ %