

2026 Turf Replacement Rebate Program

Looking to save money on your water bill, reduce outdoor water use and beautify your yard with ColoradoScape and low-water use plantings? The Town of Erie would love to help! Our turf replacement rebate program offers up to \$2,000 for qualified projects.

If you have an upcoming project and are looking to install water efficient gardens or grass, you might qualify. Landscaping project options include replacing your lawn with water-wise gardens or low water use grasses, and you can design your new low-water use landscape project yourself or work with a landscape professional. If your project covers at least 200 square feet of maintained irrigated turf grass with low/no water wise plantings, you may qualify!

Rebate funding is first come, first served and is contingent upon design approval, project completion and final walkthrough by a Town of Erie rebate representative. Rebates will be available for eligible projects as funding allows.

General turf replacement requires that irrigation systems are upgraded/updated. Typically, the effectiveness of existing sprinklers will not be ideal for your new water-wise landscape.

Turf Replacement Rebate Requirements and Guidelines

- **Artificial Turf is not eligible for this rebate.**
- Only projects that are completed in the 2026 calendar year are eligible. No past projects will be rebate eligible. Projects completed in previous years will not be retroactively eligible for rebates.
- Qualifying projects must replace at least 200 square feet.
- Projects must receive water from the Town of Erie and have an Erie water account to be eligible.
- Project related turf grass must be replaced with low or no-water use plant beds or low-water use grasses.
- Rebates include \$2 per square foot for low-water use garden plantings or \$1 per square foot for low water use grasses. Rebates can be received as a check or as a credit to
- Projects must be submitted between **January 1, 2026** and **Oct. 2nd, 2026**. Projects must be completed and visited by a Town employee by **Nov. 6, 2026**.
- Project design submittals must be approved by the Town of Erie turf replacement program representative before ground is broken and follow the design submittal rules noted in the following section. **Not gaining approval before work begins will result in not receiving a rebate.**
- Designs must meet the landscaping requirements set forth in Town of Erie's Unified Development Code. Irrigation system must be designed to meet the needs of the new landscape. Drip irrigation is required in the median and is recommended in all

your water account. Rebate amount cannot exceed the cost of the project.

- Maximum rebate amount is \$2000 per water account per year.
- Living plant material of new design must account for 70% of the project area. Living plant material includes the entire canopy of mature plants, bushes, and trees.
- Mulch can include shredded bark, bark chips, or rock.
- Low-water use grass can replace high water use grass. The rebate for this type of project is \$1 per square foot.

other areas. No longer needed existing irrigation zones must be capped or otherwise decommissioned.

- Landscaping for new construction is allowed. Area must not be previously landscaped.
- Submit all your receipts from start to finish of your project. A final site visit is required once the **project is completed and before the rebate can be finalized.** These visits can be scheduled by emailing turfreplacement@erieco.gov or by calling 303-926-2871. **Complete your rebate application after the final walkthrough has been completed.**

Submitting A Design

All aspects of your design must be submitted before you start your project. Not completing the submission will result in not receiving a rebate for your project. Here is an outline of the design submission:

1. **Aerial view of your property** from an online mapping program.

2. **Pictures that show the area of viable turf** (green grass, not crab grass). This is not required for new construction projects without installed landscaping.
3. **Proposed project area:**
 - Outline using tracing paper or a computer program, the area of turf that will be replaced.
 - Calculated square footage of the project area.
 - Irrigation design if applicable. If you have an existing in-ground irrigation system, please note how you will be updating it to fit the needs of new landscape. In example, drip system retrofit kits, switching to hand-watering, etc.
4. **Plant list and design:**
 - Planting design must show estimated plant size at maturity to meet the 70% plant material coverage requirement.
 - Plant list provides identification and quantities of plant types and materials.
5. **Proof of HOA approval** (if applicable).
6. **Submit the design!**
 1. Designs should be submitted at our [online form](#) or can be dropped off at Town Hall (645 Holbrook Street).

Please direct any questions to the Sustainability Division at turfreplacement@erieco.gov or by calling 303-926-2871.

Resource List

- [Town of Erie Xeriscaping Resources](#)
- [Colorado State University Extension](#)
- [Waterwise Yards Inspiration](#)
- [Plant Select Plants and Templates or Resourc](#)

Low-water Use

Grasses

- Turf Type Tall Fescue
- Sheep, Blue and Hard Fine Fescues
- Tahoma 31 Bermuda Grass
- Texas Hybrid Bluegrass
- Dog Tuff Grass

[e Central Garden in A Box.](#)

- [DIY Landscape Transformation Guide](#)
- [Northern Water Sustainable Landscape Templates](#)
- Town of Erie [ROW Permit](#) (required for work in the tree lawn)

Note: There are more options available. These are some suggested types.

Repurposing Old Sod

There are a few different ways to get rid of your old sod. The best way to repurpose this material is to make a composting sod pile. It is important to compost old sod instead of putting it in a landfill where it would take up space and produce methane as it decomposes anaerobically. You just stack the old sod grass side down in an out of the way part of your yard, cover the whole thing with black plastic and weight the edges down. You don't want any light getting in. Let this pile sit until spring and uncover it and you should find rich compost ready for use around your yard. If you want to throw it in the back of a truck or on a trailer you can also take it to [A1 Organics](#) where they can compost it for you for a price. We recommend calling ahead for most up to date pricing.

Resource Central Lawn Replacement Service

The Town of Erie and Resource Central are excited to help you transform your thirsty lawn into a beautiful, low-water landscape! Check out the new Lawn Replacement Program for discounts when removing a section of your lawn. It couldn't be any easier. Simply plan your project, choose your discounts, then apply. After that, you'll have an optional phone consultation with an advisor, then you're ready to go. This discount is ideal to use with the [Town of Erie Turf Replacement Rebate Program](#). This is a service provided to

help with the removal of existing grass. Participants may be eligible for the \$2 per square foot rebate after completing their project with this service.



Visit ResourceCentral.org/lawn or call 303-999-3820 ext. 221 to enroll! These discounts are provided first come, first served until enrollment limits are reached.