

## 6 EFFECTIVE WAYS!

### To Maximize the Turf Replacement Program

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Did you know? Outdoor irrigation accounts for the majority of water use for the average Orange County household. If you are unsatisfied with your thirsty grass lawn but are unsure what to do with it, look no further than MWDOC's Turf Replacement Rebate Program! The program's goal is to encourage OC residents to replace grass with a water-efficient garden.

Along with saving water, a sustainable landscape reduces runoff and stormwater pollution, which protects our local watersheds. Additionally, planting

drought-tolerant and California native plants supports pollinators and wildlife, creates healthy soils, and reduces the urban heat island effect. The [Turf Replacement Rebate Program](#) offers \$3 per square foot of grass replaced, and additional resources are available to ensure you can install a beautiful garden that you can enjoy for many years to come!

Here are six (6) ways to leverage the rebates and resources available to successfully complete your Turf Replacement Project:



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#### TAKE ADVANTAGE OF REBATES.

The [Turf Replacement Rebate Program](#) is offering an additional \$1,000 rebate towards the cost of a professional landscape design for residential participants! Our [Designers List](#) allows you to easily find a qualified designer who can assist with planning your new landscape.

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#### PLANT A TREE.

Trees are an environmental powerhouse! They provide shade, filter the air, and reduce stormwater runoff. The Turf Replacement Rebate Program offers an [additional \\$100 rebate per tree](#) (up to 5 trees) installed in your project. Some tree species also satisfy the program's sustainability feature requirement.

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#### PICK UP FREE MULCH.

A thick layer of mulch suppresses weeds, retains moisture for your plants, and keeps the soil cool. Mulch also releases nutrients to the soil as it naturally decomposes. OC Waste & Recycling offers free mulch to residents! Schedule your appointment to pick up free mulch at: [www.oclandfills.com/compost](http://www.oclandfills.com/compost).

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#### UPGRADE YOUR IRRIGATION SYSTEM.

Swap your sprinklers for drip irrigation. A drip system delivers water slowly and directly into the soil, reducing water lost to runoff and evaporation. The [Spray-to-Drip Rebate Program](#) offers \$1 per square foot of sprinkler irrigated area replaced with drip irrigation.

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#### FIND YOUR FAVORITE PLANTS.

Browse through real gardens and plants that thrive in Orange County at: [ocwatersmartgardens.com](http://ocwatersmartgardens.com). You can search for plants with specific traits and save the ones you like to a personalized list. You'll also find many gardening resources such as a watering guide and maintenance tips.

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#### ATTEND FREE WEBINARS.

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California offers [free, online landscape design classes](#) to help you create a water efficient garden. Learn how to remove your grass, design for rainwater capture, set up your irrigation, and more!