

## Grass Conversion Program

The Grass Conversion Rebate Program encourages customers to replace turf with drought-resistant planting. Water savings realized by removing a lawn vary depending on the type of turf grass removed and the area it covers. If plant material is changed but irrigation practices are not, then little water savings will be realized. Replacing a lawn with a mix of trees, shrubs, groundcovers and vines that create a nearly complete plant canopy over the landscape will realize the least water savings, but still reduce water demand by at least 50% of cool season grass or at least 40% of warm season grass if planting is well designed and the irrigation system is well-managed and highly efficient.

## Program Details

Convert a minimum of 500 square feet of turf to drought resistant plants that meet with District and homeowner association guidelines. Maximum rebate is \$500.00 per property at fifty cents per square foot converted.

## Rebates

Sample Rebate Amounts		Rebate
Square Feet	Price Per Square Foot	
500 (minimum)	\$.50	\$250
1000 or more	\$.50	\$500*

\*Total rebate not to exceed \$500.00 per property

## Program Rules & Requirements

- Applicant must be a Northstar Community Services District water customer in good standing.
- Landscaping must adhere to the guidelines set forth by Northstar Property Owners Association.
- Applicant must complete a **pre-conversion inspection** with NCSA Staff
- Complete the conversion within **14 days of inspection**.
- Complete a grass conversion application with signature.
- Participants must use drought-tolerant, low and medium water-use plants or native plant species in place of the turf (please see the attached list of approved plants).
- Complete a post-conversion site visit with NCSA Staff
- Submit application
- Pre and post inspections will be scheduled on a first come, first serve basis.
- Rebates are available on a first come, first serve basis until District's budgeted allotment is exhausted.