



City of Patterson CASH FOR GRASS REBATE APPLICATION



Important: Read all information on page 2 and 3 of this application.

Application # CG17 - _____

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:		Date:	
Mailing Address:		Conversion Address (if different):	
City, State, Zip:		Telephone:	
Email Address:		Utility Account No.	

GRASS REMOVAL INFORMATION

Estimated square footage to be removed:	
Location of grass to be removed:	
What is your connection to the property where the grass is being removed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Property Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Tenant

SIGNATURES

1. In addition to the foregoing qualifications, I declare that I am the property owner of record or his or her legal authorized representative and that I have been provided with a copy of the Cash for Grass Terms and Conditions.
2. I have read, understand and agree to the terms and conditions as stated on all pages of this application.

Applicant Signature:		Date:
Owner Signature (if applicable):		Date:

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Application:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied	Amount: \$
Rebate Approved by:		Date:
Date of Pre-Conversion Visit:	Inspected By:	Sq. Ft.:
Date of Post-Conversion Visit:	Inspected By:	Sq. Ft.:
Comments/Reason:		



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Program Goal: To encourage a permanent reduction in the amount of water used for landscaping.

Background: It is estimated that at least 20% of the city’s water is used for irrigation, largely for turf areas. The city’s Cash for Grass Pilot Program helps property owners convert water-thirsty grass to a water efficient landscape. The city will rebate customer based on the amounts below.

Rebate Amount	Minimum Rebate Amount	Maximum Rebate Amount
\$1.00 per square foot of grass removed	\$200 (or 200 square feet of grass removed)	\$2,000 (or 2,000 square feet of grass removed)

How to Participate:

- 1) Arrange an on-site pre-grass removal verification by calling the Public Works Department at (209) 895-8060.
- 2) If eligible, complete and submit the “Cash for Grass” application, **along with the required documents**. Applications can be found online at <http://www.ci.patterson.ca.us/420/Rebate-Programs> or picked up at City Hall.
- 3) After 90 days or once project is complete, arrange a post-grass removal and project verification by calling the Public Works Department (209) 895-8060.
- 4) Please allow up to (30) days for the rebate check to arrive after your post verification appointment.

Terms and Conditions:

The rebate for removal is based off the square footage of grass removed. Under this program, grass must be replaced with drought tolerant plants and mulch and sprinklers must be replaced with a drip irrigation system. Rebates are based on a first-come, first-served basis; therefore, rebates will be limited. Funding for this program is approved for the current fiscal year only. Only one rebate will be allowed per household per fiscal year. The city of Patterson reserves the right to terminate this program at any time and for any reason. Complete terms and conditions for the program are below:

- Areas to be converted must receive their water from the city of Patterson and be located within the city limits. The applicant’s utility account must be in good standing.
- Areas to be converted must be maintained lawns at a single-family, multi-family residence, or business with a dedicated irrigation system. **Dead lawns will not be eligible for a rebate.**
- At least 200 square feet of lawn must be converted. Smaller projects will be considered if they completely eliminate the front or back lawn of a single-family residence or business.
- Rock gardens will not be allowed and potted pots do not count towards the required landscape.
- In addition to the application, the applicant must submit a drawing or layout of the proposed conversion. The layout can be hand drawn but must show the following: placement of the house or building in proximity to the street and adjacent sidewalks, areas to be converted, and the proposed location of the material. Drawing must also include type of plants and the quantity of each.
- The city has a 50% landscape requirement for all front yard applications. After the improvement, the applicant must maintain at least 50% living material in front of the home. Again, potted plants are not considered living material.
- Credit will only be given for the following projects:
 - Conversion of grass to drought tolerant landscape-To get full credit, the converted area must be completely converted to drought-tolerant landscape. To reduce evapotranspiration, exposed areas must be mulched with a 2-3 inch layer. Some types of rock and wood chips are acceptable types of mulch. The watering system to be installed must be a low volume drip irrigation system equipped with a pressure regulator, filter, and emitter. The system must be free of leaks and malfunctions. If



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part of a lawn is converted, the sprinkler system must be properly modified to provide adequate coverage to the remaining lawn without spraying the converted area.

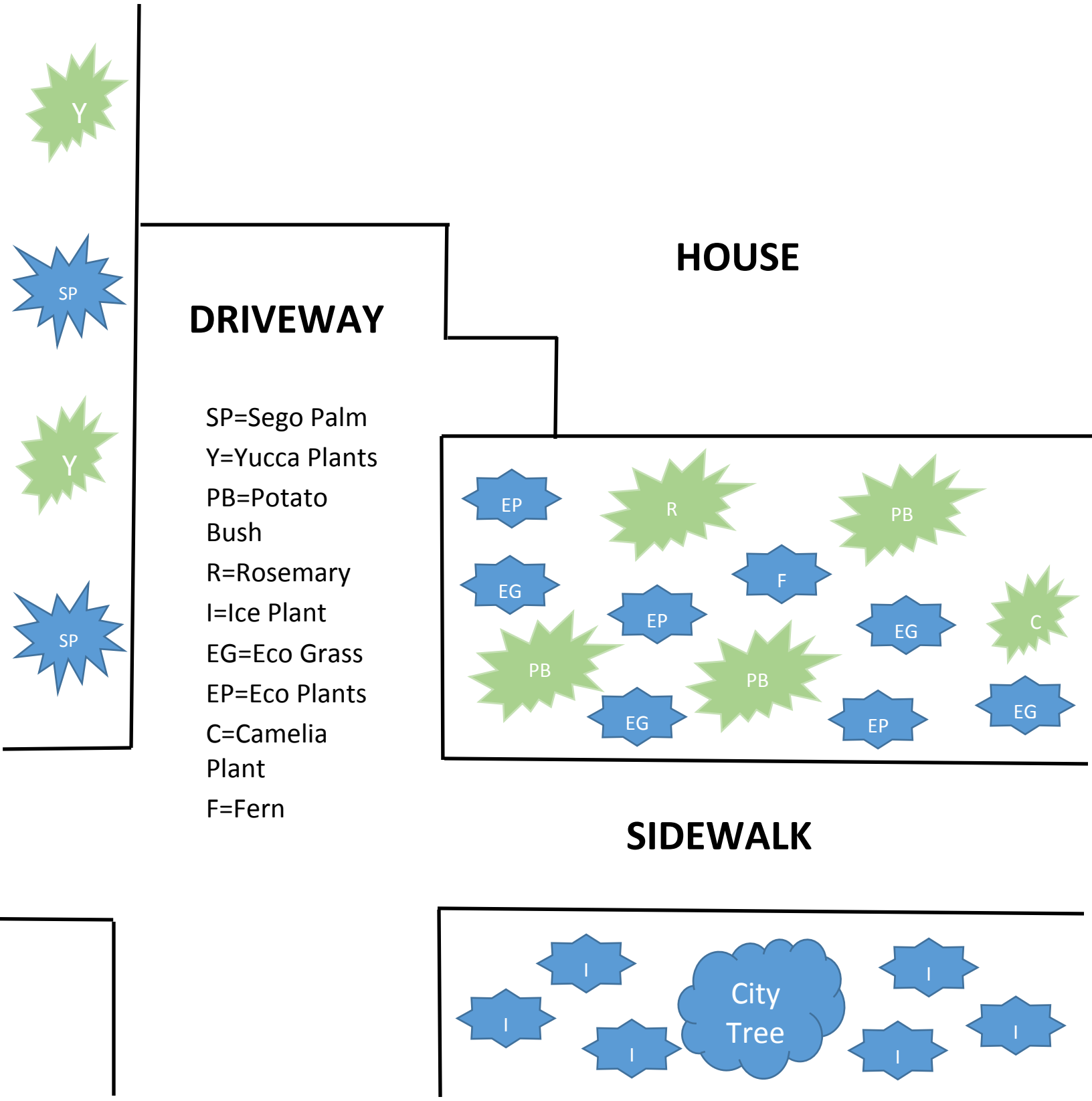
- Conversion of grass to artificial turf-If artificial turf is going to be used in any part of the conversion and a contractor is not doing it, the next steps must be followed:
 - 1) Remove the existing landscape;
 - 2) Prep and spread the base with approved material;
 - 3) Stretch the turf and cut perimeter;
 - 4) Nail edges;
 - 5) Sand infill and brush.
- The products installed must be permeable to water and air and must be non-flammable. Only polyethylene and nylon artificial turf products are eligible for rebates. Patio carpet and/or astro turf are ineligible. Product installed must have a minimum five (5) year manufacturer warranty. Artificial turf must not encroach upon living plants/trees and must end at least three inches (3") from the base of any plant/tree. **In order to receive credit, a photograph must be taken from every stage in the process.** Applicant must still meet the 50% landscape requirement for all front yard applications.
- Conversion of turf to pavers-If pavers will be installed, pavers must remain ungrouted to allow for air and water to filtrate through. The type and size of the pavers must be submitted along with the application and layout of the project. Applicant must still meet the 50% landscape requirement for all front yard applications.
- Other Projects-The city is not opposed to other projects that may permanently reduce the amount of water being used, granted they meet the terms and conditions of the program. An inquiry can be made prior to the scheduling of the pre-verification visit.
- The applicant must participate in a pre-conversion site review conducted by the city prior to the removal of any lawn. Conversions that are initiated without the city's approval may be eligible, granted they meet the terms and conditions of the program and before pictures are provided. **No exceptions.**
- Conversions must be completed within three (3) months following receipt of the city's approval letter. Once the city receives the notice of conversion project completion, any wait time for the city final inspection shall not be counted against this three-month period of time.
- If the scope of work is changed during the duration of the project, the city must be notified immediately and before those changes take place. It is possible, the applicant may need to reapply depending on the change.
- Once the city is notified of a conversion project's completion, the city will conduct an inspection to verify program compliance. If the conversion fails inspection, the applicant will be permitted to bring the conversion project into compliance with the program terms and conditions for a period of thirty (30) days or the remainder of the three-month period, whichever is greater.
- Rebates may be considered taxable income.
- The city enforces only the terms and conditions of this agreement. The applicant is solely responsible for complying with any and all laws, regulations, policies, conditions, covenants and restrictions that may apply and for any and all liabilities arising out of a conversion project. Applicants are encouraged to consult any applicable covenants, conditions, and restrictions (CC&R) or neighborhood Homeowner's Associations (HOA) regulations that may apply to an anticipated conversion project prior to submitting an application with the city.
- If applicant belongs to an HOA, they must provide proof of acceptance prior to obtaining approval from the city.
- Applicants must also comply with all state and local laws relating to landscape maintenance in front of businesses and homes.
- The quality, maintenance, and appearance of the conversion are the exclusive responsibility of the applicant.



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EXAMPLE



DRIVEWAY

- SP=Sego Palm
- Y=Yucca Plants
- PB=Potato Bush
- R=Rosemary
- I=Ice Plant
- EG=Eco Grass
- EP=Eco Plants
- C=Camelia Plant
- F=Fern

HOUSE

SIDEWALK

City Tree