

Solano County Water Agency Treebate Terms and Conditions

July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025

Solano County Water Agency is offering a rebate for the purchase of select qualifying low-water use and drought tolerant trees. Qualifying purchases can receive a rebate of up to 50% of the purchase cost, for a maximum of \$50 per tree (maximum two trees per household). The purpose of the Treebate Program is to encourage homeowners to plant trees in and around their home in order to:

- i. Cool homes/reduce heat gradient.
- ii. Encourage wildlife.
- iii. Prevent erosion.
- iv. Reduce stormwater runoff.

I. Eligibility

- a. Property must belong to the water account holder or must have written permission from the homeowner. Property must be in Solano County.
- b. Commercial, institutional, and industrial entities do not qualify for this rebate.
- c. This program is first come, first served and dependent upon limited funding availability.
- d. Customers can apply online at www.scwa2.com or contact SCWA at 707-455-1113 for more information.

II. Program Details

- a. Trees must be considered low-water use, drought tolerant, or California native. Trees
 MUST be selected from the approved Solano County Water Agency (SCWA) List of
 Drought Tolerant Trees (please see approved list here).
- b. Invasive species are not permitted. Trees considered high-water use are not permitted.
- c. Trees must be planted in the ground. Trees planted in pots will not be accepted.
- d. Trees must be planted in SCWA service Area.

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- e. Proof of purchase is required. The invoice must be dated within 180 days (about 6 months) of purchase.
- f. A copy of your most recent water bill is required.
 - a. If you are a resident of an HOA, a copy of your most recent electricity bill may be accepted in lieu of a water bill.
- g. Rebates will apply to purchase made on or after July 1, 2024.
- h. Ability to provide photo proof of tree(s) planted in the ground of home if requested by SCWA.
- i. Trees that die within the first six months may be eligible for an additional rebate as an exemption.
- j. Please contact our SCWA at <u>solanocash4grass@scwa2.com</u> if your tree has died after you have received a rebate. Our Agency will permit an additional rebate on a case-by-case basis to replace said tree.
- k. Customers are responsible for the care and maintenance of any trees purchased and planted on customer property.
- 1. Please reference approved plant list for a list of resources to assist in proper planting and care of trees.

III. Rebate Offer

- a. The rebate will cover 50% of the cost of approved trees up to a maximum of \$50 per tree, with a maximum of two trees per site (water account).
- b. Water account is only eligible for a maximum rebate of a total of \$100 for a five-year period.
- c. Rebate cannot exceed purchase price.
- d. A rebate will not be applied to purchase of trees with gift cards or trees won as a prize.
- e. Rebate is applied to purchase price before tax and shipping.
- f. SCWA may request photo proof of tree planted in the ground of home.
- g. Trees planted in pots will not be accepted.
- h. Citrus and fruit bearing trees are not eligible for this rebate, unless specified in the approved tree list.
- i. SCWA retains the right to perform a site visit if requested.
- j. Rebate may be combined with other agency rebates (Water Efficient Landscape Rebate, Water Conserving Product Rebates, etc).
- k. Please allow for four to eight weeks for the processing of approved rebates.

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IV. Steps to Participate

- a. Confirm your site is eligible and you understand the requirements by reading the program's terms and conditions.
- b. Apply online thorough our digital portal at https://scwa2.com/residential-rebates/. Select the drop-down menu and click on the "Water-Conserving Products" tab. Click on the green button that says, "COMPLETE A DIGITAL APPLICATION HERE."
 - i. You also have the option to download an application in PDF format and mail it to our off. Please direct any mail to: Attention-Water Conservation Dept.
- c. If your application is approved, you will be notified by a staff member. If we require further information or clarification, a team member will reach out via email or phone.
- d. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet the terms and conditions of this program are not considered eligible.
- e. Approved applications will be issued a rebate within four to eight weeks.

REBATE AGREEMENT- RELEASE OF LIABILITY

Rebates are one-time-only per site, and will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Rebates offered are subject to availability of funds. This rebate program may end at any time. SCWA reserves the right to deny any application that does not meet all requirements outlined above. Due to variables beyond the control of SCWA, the Agency we are not liable to any damage caused by trees being planted in or around your property. The applicant waives and releases SCWA, participating water utilities, and their contractors or agents from all claims and causes of action arising from the installation and use of trees. SCWA is not responsible for any damage that may occur to participants' property because of the program. All trees should be planted and maintained by the customer. Trees should be planted at an appropriate distance from home and away from major water/sewage lines. Customers should also plant trees with careful consideration of the type of fruits or seeds that could be produced by the tree. SCWA does not endorse consumption of any plant or seed that is not meant to be consumed.