

3-10: WATER CONSERVATION CODE

3-10-8 INCENTIVE PROGRAM:

(A) Intent: To encourage residents and businesses to conserve water, the following conservation incentive program has been established. This program applies to the purchase and installation of devices to retrofit plumbing fixtures with high rates of flow, and to limit outdoor water use for landscaping purposes.

(B) All incentive awards require and are subject to the submittal of complete applications and determination of eligibility and qualifications by the City. Applications will be accepted only from the current property owner(s) of record.

(C) The incentive program is provided on a first come, first served basis, subject to the availability of budgeted funding. Applicants are responsible for confirming the availability of funding for incentive awards prior to submittal of their applications, which information can be obtained by contacting the Prescott Public Works Department. Total incentives granted for a property shall be limited to two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00).

(D) Incentive awards will be credited on water bills for the applicable properties within three (3) billing cycles after approval.

(E) Each item is a one (1) time award for the property, fixture or equipment as indicated, subject to City review, approval and issuance of permits where required.

(F) Incentives shall be administered by Water Resource Management staff, in accordance with the following incentive awards list.

Incentive awards list and qualifying criteria:

INCENTIVE AWARDS LIST	
Water Efficiency Improvement Incentive	Incentive Award Amount
Rainwater cistern (active rainwater harvesting) ¹	\$0.50 per gallon of storage \$500.00 maximum award
Rain garden (passive) ²	\$3.00 per square foot \$500.00 maximum award
Turf removal on site and in adjacent public right-of-way ³	\$0.50 per square foot
Toilet: 1.0 gpf or less or 1.28 gpf dual flush	\$100.00
Water customer on septic system, additional toilet replacement incentive	\$50.00
Commercial urinals (replacement alternative flushless design, flush once at a specified interval, or 1 quart/flush)	\$50.00
WaterSense-labeled smart irrigation timer ⁴	\$75.00
Clothes washing machine replacement ⁵	\$200.00
Water customer on septic system, additional washing machine replacement incentive	\$50.00

¹Rainwater Cistern

Requires the installation of a minimum one hundred (100) gallon capacity rainwater catchment tank or engineered cistern. Rainwater storage systems may not be interconnected with the City potable water system. Requires receipts of purchase, and photos of installed cisterns. Applicants must contact the conservation office for guidelines prior to installation of the system.

²Rain Garden (Passive)

A minimum of fifty (50) square feet must be installed. A minimum of four hundred (400) square feet of stormwater needs to be redirected from the roof. Only native plants may be planted in rain garden, but catchment may also be rock lined. Rebate is for basin footprint. Applicants must contact the Conservation Office for guidelines prior to installation of the system.

³ Turf Removal

Requires conversion from irrigated turf grass to water-saving landscaping, and, if irrigated, installation of an automatic water timer, backflow prevention device and drip or similar system. Applicants must contact conservation office for guidelines prior to removal of turf. Minimum turf removal areas are two hundred (200) square feet for residential and one thousand (1,000) square feet for nonresidential. Requires receipts of purchase, before and after photos.

⁴ Smart Irrigation Timer

Must use local weather data or soil moisture sensors to limit unnecessary outdoor watering, must be easy to use, and be EPA WaterSense approved.

⁵ Ultra-Efficient Washing Machine

Washer must be on the City of Prescott clothes washer qualifying product list at the time of purchase to qualify.

(G) The City Manager may approve higher incentive award amounts when those incentives listed above are not sufficient to recognize the magnitude of conservation by the property. City Manager may also provide conservation incentive awards for actions not listed above in the event those projects provide a significant benefit to the City due to the conservation achieved.

(Rep. by Ord. 4446, 12-21-2004; Added by Ord. 4527, 2-28-2006; Ord. 4691, 3-10-2009; Ord. 4759, 8-31-2010; Ord. 5002-1540, 9-13-2016; Ord. 2019-1676, 7-9-2019)