



City of Austin

Program Requirements and Specifications

Commercial Incentive Program

The City of Austin's Water Conservation Division offers up to **\$40,000** in rebates to industrial, commercial, and institutional customers towards the cost for installing new equipment and processes that conserve water at existing facilities. Some examples of items which are eligible for these rebates are replacing single pass cooling with cooling tower water or air cooling, reuse of high quality rinse water, combined process and stormwater reuse for landscape irrigation, and installing water saving equipment in commercial laundry or car wash. The City of Austin also offers rebates for specific items such as water efficient toilets, clothes washers, and efficient landscape irrigation equipment (see back page for details.)

Project Qualifications

- All industrial, commercial, and institutional water users served by the City of Austin Water and Wastewater Utility, and those who are served by a utility which purchases water from the City of Austin are eligible.
- Equipment and projects which receive funding must either (1) remain in use at least 5 years, or (2) be replaced by a process or equipment which achieves an equal or greater level of water savings, but the replacement equipment or process must be in place for the balance of the five year period. Operation and maintenance measures are not eligible.
- The Water Conservation Division will make the final determination of cost and savings estimates for all proposals submitted.
- All projects must seek preapproval. ***The City will not approve retroactive projects.***
- Funding is limited to a budgeted amount for each fiscal year.
- Projects will be selected based on water savings and funding available. Notification of pre-approval will be sent within 30 days after the due date for proposals.
- The project must reduce current water consumption by at least 500 gallons per day.
- All water savings estimates must be documentable. The water saving project should be in an area that can be submetered or otherwise measured or where savings can be calculated based on some measured parameter. The rebate will be based on the documented savings following project completion. *(An example of documentation would be one to two months of meter readings, or data from time of operation charts for a specific piece of equipment for which water savings per unit of time have been quantified.)*
- Projects must meet all Federal, State, and City codes, and regulatory and permit requirements.
- Entities can make application for more than one project at a time, if the specific types of projects are different.



Water Conservation Incentive

The incentive available for each project is the lesser of (1) half the cost of the purchase price of the equipment or (2) \$1.00 for each gallon per day saved up to 30,000 gallons and then \$0.50 (fifty cents) per gallon saved per day for the next 20,000 gallons up to a maximum rebate of up to **\$40,000**.

Also, ask us about possible sales tax and property tax breaks!

Instructions

1. Choose a project based on how it will improve water use efficiency or make additional water reuse possible. Look for energy savings and reduced pollution or pretreatment savings implications also.
2. Submit a proposal for review to the City of Austin. Funding is available on a first come, first serve basis.
3. Include in your proposal sufficient documentation and technical information for us to evaluate and verify the cost and water savings of your project. Lack of sufficient information will delay project approval. We must be able to confirm projected saving estimates before pre-approval.
4. A representative from our department will contact you for a pre-installation visit. Pre-installation visits are required to confirm and review the items presented in your proposal.
5. Wait for written notification of project pre-approval before starting your project. The City of Austin will not rebate projects or portions of projects retroactively. The written notification will include a contract with the terms of the rebate.
6. A post-installation inspection will be scheduled and performed to verify installation and operation. After your project is verified, a water bill credit or a check will be issued.

For Additional Information Contact:

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**You may also be eligible for
Energy Conservation Rebates
through Austin Energy by calling - 499-3568.**



Application

Commercial Incentive Application

Company Name: _____

Contact Person: _____ Title: _____

Phone Number : _____

Mailing Address: _____

Installation Address: _____

Water Account Number: _____

Brief Description of Equipment Retrofit: _____

Please attach sufficient proof of water savings, a complete list of equipment with material cost, a project timeline, a conceptual design or description, and the expected equipment life to this sheet.

Total Estimated Cost of Equipment for Retrofit: _____

Estimated Water Savings (Gallons per Day): _____ gpd

Estimated Equipment Life: _____ years.

Project Start Date: _____ Estimated Completion Date: _____

Is the project in an area of your facility that can be submetered? Yes No

Agreement

I certify that this project meets the program eligibility requirements and that the information I have supplied on this application is true and correct. I understand that participation in this program is conditional upon acceptance by the City of Austin and that the City of Austin makes specific incentive commitments only through a letter of acceptance. I understand that if the City of Austin accepts my project, I will receive a letter of acceptance specifying the potential rebate amount, installation deadline, and other terms, which will become part of the agreement. Any changes to this agreement must be in writing and approved by the City of Austin. I agree that any installed equipment will remain in use for a 5 year period of time, or that it will be replaced with equipment or processes which achieve an equal or greater level of water savings, or I will refund a prorated amount of incentive dollars to the City of Austin based on the actual period of time the equipment was used. I agree to report water savings achieved with the project annually for the next 5 years, and to provide information summarizing the project at the end of 5 years.

Authorized Signature: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____