



Turf Grass Reduction Program

Description, Terms, and Conditions

Purpose:

In an effort to further improve upon water conservation, the Bay Laurel Center Community Development District (BLCCDD) is conducting a conservation project that will reduce 75,000 square feet (ft²) of irrigated turf grass and replace with low maintenance shrub beds. It is estimated that a reduction in turf grass by one-thousand (1,000) ft² will provide an annual water savings ranging from 15,569 – 31,767 gallons (Boyer & Dukes, 2014).

The Turf Grass Reduction Program takes a multi-pronged approach to maximize water utilization and conservation. Removing turf grass is one of the most water conscious adjustments a homeowner can make to reduce their outdoor water usage and associated costs. In addition to the water savings, a reduction in turf will also result in a decline in the related cost and use of fertilizers and pesticides necessary to maintain turf health.

Cost:

The District will reimburse the related cost associated with the removal of a minimum of one hundred (100) ft² and up to one thousand (1,000) ft² of irrigated turf grass at a cost of one dollar (\$1.00) per ft² providing a maximum potential rebate of one-thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per dwelling.

Process:

The following procedure will be utilized for the determination of qualification and approval of reimbursement:

1. The resident will make application with BLCCDD.
 - a. At the time of application BLCCDD staff will determine:
 - i. If the Annual Average Monthly Usage meets the threshold of 12,500 gallons or more;
 - ii. The applicant is an active customer of the Bay Laurel Center Community Development District; and
 - iii. The applicant is the owner of the home the upgrades are being made to.
 - b. If the applicants Annual Average Monthly Usage is 12,500 gallons or more, BLCCDD will require a sketch and description of the proposed modifications with Homeowners Association modification approval to proceed with the proposed work. The description

of the described work must include:

- i. Amount of irrigated turf reduction in ft²;
 - ii. Proposed shrub bed mulch or rock material;
 - iii. Irrigation modifications including components meeting the Residential irrigation requirements of the BLCCDD Uniform Service Policy; and
 - iv. Proposed plant material in conformance with Florida Friendly Landscaping.
- c. Once the requirements of 1.a. and 1.b. are met, the applicant will schedule a date and time for BLCCDD to perform a site visit and inspect the site for proposed work.
2. BLCCDD will make a site visit to the home and determine if the home qualifies for the program.
 - a. The applicant will have the proposed irrigated turf area that is to be removed “white lined” for confirmation of square footage.
3. The BLCCDD inspector will provide a certificate of qualification allowing the applicant to proceed, along with a reimbursement request form.
4. At the completion of installation, the applicant must submit the reimbursement request form to BLCCDD Customer Service Office (8470 SW 79th Street Road, Suite 3, Ocala, FL 34481) and schedule a date and time for BLCCDD to perform a site visit to ensure originally described work was completed.
5. After completion of the site visit and determination of compliance with the program BLCCDD will authorize reimbursement

The Applicant Requirements:

Thank you for your interest in participating in the Turf Grass Reduction Program. To qualify for the program, the applicant must meet and agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. Own a house inside the BLCCDD service area.
2. Monthly Average Usage meets the threshold of 12,500 gallons or more.
3. Customer shall provide a sketch and description of the proposed modifications along with Homeowners Association modification approval to proceed with the proposed work.
4. Customer must remove a minimum of one hundred (100) ft² and up to one thousand (1,000) ft² of irrigated turf grass.
 - a. Customer shall not utilize any live turf, or turf looking grass.
 - b. Plant material installed with the project shall meet Florida Friendly Landscaping specifications.
 - c. Mulch or Rock must cover any bare spaces; and
 - d. No Bare soil will be allowed
5. Irrigation modifications shall meet the requirement of the District’s USP Irrigation Requirements.
 - a. Irrigation system shall be modified to provide for point-source drip irrigation in shrub bed; and
 - b. Turf irrigation shall not overlap shrub bed.

6. Allow BLCCDD to inspect the turf, proposed upgrade site, and irrigation system to determine if applicant qualifies for the program and inspect new installation once completed.
7. The District will reimburse up to one thousand (1,000) ft² of irrigated turf grass at a cost of one dollar (\$1.00) per ft² providing a maximum potential rebate of one-thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per dwelling.
8. Funding is limited and only seventy-five thousand (75,000) ft² is available until funds run out or the program terminates.
9. BLCCDD reserves the right to alter this program at any time.
10. Program ends on September 30, 2025.

(Print Full Name)

(Signature)

(Date)



Turf Grass Reduction Program Application

A Conservation Program funded by the Bay Laurel Center Community Development District.

Name: _____

Service Address: _____

Phone: _____

Alt Phone: _____

Email: _____

- Attachments: ☐ Sketch and description of the proposed modifications
 ☐ Homeowners Association modification approval to proceed with the proposed work

Waiver:

I certify that I have received, read, understand and agree to the terms and conditions of this Turf Reduction Program. The undersigned expressly agrees that the BLCCDD or its designee may inspect all qualifying Irrigation, Turf, and Landscape. I agree that the BLCCDD nor any other related entity, (hereinafter the Grantors) do not warrant any equipment or installation to be free of defects, the quality of workmanship, or the suitability of the premises for installation. I acknowledge that I am solely responsible for the operation and continual maintenance of the irrigation system and the landscaping that will be installed. The undersigned further agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Grantors their directors, officers, employees, vendors, and contractors against all loss, damage, expense, claims, suits and liability, including attorney's fees resulting from the loss, destruction, or damage to property arising out of or in any way connected with the Turf Reduction Program.

(Print Full Name)

(Signature)

(Date)