

Business Turf to Native Grass Conversion

Overview

- To encourage business customers to cultivate more attractive, resilient landscapes, we offer an incentive for converting low-use areas to alternative or native grass species.

Why are native grass conversions a great option?

- They are one of the most cost-effective water and maintenance reduction options available.
- They can revitalize older landscapes to better serve customers and allow more appropriate allocation of water and maintenance resources towards higher priority areas.
- Conversion to native grass can yield water savings up to 80% over conventionally irrigated Kentucky bluegrass.

QUESTIONS?

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What is the rebate amount provided?

Rebates incentive is **\$0.50 per square foot** for approved grass species or mixtures.

What should I know before getting started?

- Review rebate participation steps, eligibility criteria and [program](#) rules.
- Choose an eligible grass species or mixture.
- Include seed label with application to verify grass species used.
- Schedule a post project inspection with a Colorado Springs Utilities staff person to confirm correct grass species and sufficient germination.

Which grass species qualify for the rebate incentive program?

- Buffalograss
- Blue grama grass
- Buffalograss and blue grama mix
- Qualified Mixes
- Custom Mix

Which mixes qualify?

- [Pawnee Buttes](#) - Native Prairie Mix
- [Buffalo Brand](#) - Native Turf Mix
- [Western Native Seed](#) - Shortgrass Prairie Grasses
- [El Paso County Conservation District](#) - Native Grass Mix

I think I would like to come up with my own custom mixture where can I find additional information on requirements for a custom mix?

Please call or visit the Colorado Springs Utilities Conservation and Environmental Center to talk with one of our horticulturalists or click [here](#) to learn more.

I am new to native grass conversions. Do you have any resources to help?

- Visit the Conservation and Environmental Center 2855 Mesa Rd. 8AM-5PM Monday-Friday to speak to a horticulturalist and tour native grass demonstrations.
- Visit csu.org to watch webinars on native grass choices and installation.
- [Establishment Watering Schedule](#)

What time of year should I plan my native grass conversion installation?

Native grass conversions are best installed June-August depending on grass species. If this timeline does not work speak to a horticulturalist.

How do I apply?

Use our [online application](#) or

In person at the Conservation and Environmental Center, 2855 Mesa Rd, (M-F 8am-noon, and 1-5pm).