



### **Requirements for Spray-to-Drip Conversion**

Replace your operational sprinklers in planter beds and hedges with highly efficient drip irrigation that delivers water directly to the plants.

**Rebate amount:** up to \$200, excluding installation/labor, shipping, tax, etc.



#### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Applicant must be the current property owner to apply for and receive rebate. Tenants may apply for rebates with written property owner approval.
- Property must receive water services from the City of Spokane.
- The area for conversion must have working sprinkler systems at the time the application is submitted. Preverification photos of an operational sprinkler system must be submitted.
- All projects must be completed and receive final inspection approval.
- Rebate project must be maintained as a drip irrigation system for a minimum of 5 years from the date of the final inspection.
- **Rebates are for purchase of the following:**
  - » Spray to drip irrigation retrofit kits, pressure reducer, filter, anti-siphon valve, drip tubing and emitters.
- The entire irrigation zone needs to be converted to drip irrigation. Efficiency will not be demonstrated if the entire zone is not converted.
- **Receipts** (proof of payment, not an invoice with a "balance due") are required and must include:
  - » A purchase date within the same calendar year of application.
  - » List the make and model or SKU (found on the bar code on product packaging).
  - » Show the cost of each item. Rebates are for the products only (installation, tax, shipping etc. excluded) with maximum of \$200.
- **Submit a before and after photo** of drip irrigation installed at the property and attach it to the online application. Photos of the boxes/packaging or the product uninstalled do not qualify.
- Altered or misrepresentative photos will be considered fraudulent and the rebate will be denied.

#### **Applicant Steps:**

- Read program requirements.
- Purchase and install.
- Complete [online application](#) and supply all required documentation.

#### **City Steps:**

- Process rebates on a first-received, first-served basis until either application deadline or fund depletion occurs.
- Approve application and issue rebate credit.
- A final inspection is not required for approval, but the City of Spokane may mandate one if application photos are not clear.

#### **Check List:**

These items will be verified during final inspection.

- All existing sprinklers must be removed or capped in the project area.
- A drip irrigation system includes a backflow prevention device, low flow valve, filter, pressure regulator, and flushing mechanism.
- A pressure regulator which reduces the water pressure coming into your drip system to 30 through 40 psi is an essential component of any drip irrigation system.
- The sprinkler controller must be reprogrammed for a drip irrigation schedule.
- Drip control zone kits with anti-siphon valves must be installed 6 inches above the highest drip emitter. Raised beds and planters are examples where height could be effected.
- Install drip irrigation filters so they are easily accessible for servicing. A filter on your irrigation valve keeps the drip tubing free of sediment and other debris that could degrade the efficiency of the irrigation system.
- You need to be able to flush your drip system once a year. Install a Figure 8 or Flush Valve flushing mechanism for each drip irrigation zone. A figure 8 end clamp is an easy way to close off the end of your drip tubing. It is also easy to take it off to flush the drip line at least once a year.
- Drip irrigation zones must be on their own valve (DO NOT combine with existing overhead sprinklers or tree bubbler zones). If needed, install a new low flow valve that is made for a drip irrigation system.
- Where feasible, install trees on a separate drip zone valve.

#### **Projects must NOT include:**

- Artificial turf.
- Low-water lawns from seed or sod.
- Plastic or non-biodegradable weed barriers.
- Plants that need frequent watering once established.

Processing of completed applications takes approximately 2 weeks. Once processing is complete and the rebate is approved, a credit will appear on your utility bill within one to two billing cycles.

#### **Tax information:**

- Applicants receiving \$600 or more in rebates from the City in a calendar year must submit a [W-9](#) form before City issues rebate. The City will send 1099 forms to applicants after December 31 each year. All personal information provided within the W-9 is kept confidential in accordance with the Privacy Act. The determination of whether your rebate is taxable or not may depend on several variables. We recommend contacting your tax professional.

