

OVERVIEW

Marin Water is offering customers free [sheet mulching](#) materials – cardboard, compost and mulch - with free installation to reduce the amount of lawn area in their landscapes and, as a result, reduce the need for irrigation.

SHEET MULCHING

Sheet mulching is an effective method of killing grass by starving it of light. The sheeting (i.e. cardboard) and the mulch will break down over time, forming compost and enriching the soil.

FREE SHEET MULCHING MATERIALS WITH FREE INSTALLATION

Upon application approval, customers (1) must agree to immediately suspend irrigation of the project area and (2) must agree not to reinstall lawn in the project area. If lawn is reinstalled, reimbursement to Marin Water of the full cost of materials and labor will be required. See Terms & Conditions for further information.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- Step 1: GET PREAPPROVED:** Preapproval is required to participate in this program. Turf removal projects that have been started prior to receiving approval to participate are not eligible. Before starting any turf removal, call Marin Water at (415) 945-1527 to schedule a free pre-approval water use efficiency survey at your home or business.
- Step 2: SITE SURVEY & LAWN MEASUREMENTS:** During the pre-approval site survey, Marin Water staff will measure the existing lawn area to be sheet mulched and customer will participate in a full Conservation Assistance Program (CAP) site survey (indoor and outdoor) of the project property.
- Step 3: SCHEDULE DELIVERY & INSTALLATION:** After being approved to participate, customer will be contacted by the program contractor, Conservation Corp North Bay (CCNB), to coordinate the day/time for the sheet mulch material delivery and installation.
- Step 4: MATERIALS DELIVERY:** Materials will be delivered to the project site prior to the scheduled installation day. Materials will be delivered in bulk (i.e. not individual bags). Customer must ensure someone is at the project site at the time of delivery to ensure that the materials are delivered to their desired location.
- Step 5: SHEET MULCHING DAY:** On the day of installation, CCNB will cap off existing overhead spray irrigation heads in the project area and install sheet mulch materials. Materials will consist of a layer of cardboard, two inches of compost and three inches of organic mulch. Customer must be on-site during the installation.

Questions? Call (415) 945-1527 or email to rebates@marinwater.org

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Program requires a minimum lawn area of 500 square feet and maximum of 1,600 square feet be converted.
- Applicant agrees to participate in a full Conservation Assistance Program (CAP) site survey (indoor and outdoor) of the project property prior to any conversion work being performed.
- Applicant will coordinate the date and time of material deliveries and sheet mulch installation with Conservation Corps North Bay staff. Applicant must ensure someone is at the project site both during the material delivery and installation.
- Applicant agrees to allow Conservation Corp North Bay (CCNB) staff to: (1) cap off or otherwise disable pop-up/overhead spray irrigation heads in project area during sheet mulch installation, and (2) supply/install at least one spray-to-drip conversion kit.
- Sheet mulch materials will be delivered in bulk (i.e. not individual bags) directly to applicant's property. Materials consist of rolled cardboard, compost and organic mulch in amounts necessary to cover the project area with one layer of cardboard, two inches of compost and three inches of mulch. Applicant shall bear sole responsibility for ensuring someone is at the project site at the time of delivery to ensure that the vendor delivers the sheet mulch materials to the applicant's desired location. The District shall not be held liable by applicant for sheet mulch materials that are delivered to an incorrect or improper location.
- Applicant assumes ownership and responsibility for sheet mulching materials immediately upon delivery.
- Applicant must be able to provide an area to safely accept delivery of and store materials until applied to lawn area. The applicant shall bear sole responsibility for compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations regarding the requested delivery location.
- Mulch will not be applied within five feet of flammable structures (i.e. house, fences, sheds, etc.).
- Compost and mulch products supplied through this program are compliant with state standards for physical contaminants. However, they are made from recycled materials, not virgin feedstocks. Very small pieces of non-organics may be found. All products are delivered as-is with no warranties expressed or implied.
- The **Turf Replacement Program** is designed to be a permanent change to your landscaping. MMWD reserves the right to inspect the property in order to verify that the project area has not been replanted with grass or covered with artificial turf or with non-permeable hardscape. If access to the site for any subsequent inspection is not granted, or if a site inspection determines the project area has been replanted with grass or other materials not allowed by the Program, the full cost of materials, delivery and labor will be due and payable to MMWD. By participating in the Program the applicant agrees that the full cost of materials, delivery and labor may be charged to the applicants water service account. Residential Applicants understand and acknowledge that Program participation will be noted on the water service address for the property. In the event the property is sold, Applicant must notify the purchaser of the no-grass landscape requirement associated with that water service address.
- For commercial sites, the Applicant, or property owner if not Applicant, must execute a "No Grass Conservation Easement" and record this with the Marin County Recorder's Office to assure long term compliance with the requirements of this Program. Applicant must provide a conformed copy of the recorded document prior to installation of sheet mulch materials.
- Offer applies to Marin Water residential and commercial customers sites with active potable water service.
- Applicant must be the Marin Water account holder, and property owner or water bill-paying tenant, with consent from property owner.
- By participating in this Program, customers agree to allow Marin Water to publicize their pre- and post-conversion project photographs. (Name and Address will not be published.)

- New construction does not qualify, nor does any project started prior to the pre-inspection.
- Applicant is responsible for complying with all applicable codes and regulations.
- Limited time offer. Program is offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Program may be canceled at any time without notification.

PRE AND POST INSPECTIONS

- Marin Water must perform a site survey prior to any work beginning on the lawn conversion and again after conversion has been completed. During the pre-conversion site survey, Marin Water will:
 - a) verify the proposed project area qualifies,
 - b) measure and record the square footage of the proposed area,
 - c) provide the application and Program materials, and
 - d) provide approval to participate in the Program.
- During the post-conversion inspection, Marin Water will verify that the project area has not been replanted with grass or other materials not allowed by the Program.

DISCLAIMER/WAIVER

- Applicant expressly agrees that Marin Water may inspect all properties participating in this program; that Marin Water does not guarantee the performance of any product; and that Marin Water does not warrant any product to be free of defects, the quality of workmanship, or the suitability of the premises or products for the installation.
- Applicant further agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Marin Water, its directors, officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all loss, damage, expense, claims suits, and liability, including attorney fees arising out of or in any way connected with the product(s) and its (their) installation. Applicant shall indemnify, hold harmless, defend and release Marin Water, its officers, directors, agents, and employees from any and all liability, claims, damages, costs and expenses of lawsuits, which may be asserted by any person or entity, including Applicant, arising out of or in connection with the activities of Applicant, its agents, and employees provided for herein whether or not there is concurrent passive negligence on the part of the District but excluding liability for District's sole negligence and willful misconduct.
- Applicant has read, understands, and agrees to the terms and conditions listed on the program application.
- Applicant understands that installation of sheet mulching products are not guaranteed to result in lower water bills.
- Marin Water reserves the right to change the terms of the Program offer at any time, without notification.