

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

## CHANGES TO TURF REBATE PROGRAM EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

The following changes to the turf rebate program will go into effect on September 1, 2023:

- Artificial turf will no longer be a reimbursable expense. Customers may still replace turf with artificial turf but this expense will not be covered by the rebate program.
- Residential customers that plant one (1) new native tree for every 250 square feet (SF) of turf removed will get \$3 per SF (up to a maximum of 10,000 SF) OR
- Residential customers that <u>do not</u> plant a native tree as part of the turf removal project will get \$2 per SF (up to a maximum of 10,000 SF)
- Acceptable native/desert-tolerant plants and trees for project are listed in the *Lush and Efficient Landscape Guide* posted online at www.indiowater.org.

Updated rebate application forms will be available online by September 1, 2023, at <a href="www.indiowater.org">www.indiowater.org</a>. Limited hard copies of the guide are available for pick-up at the Indio Water Authority Customer Service lobby during regular business hours (Monday-Friday, 8AM-5PM).

Residential turf removal rebate applications received by IWA prior to August 31, 2023, in which a post-inspection has been completed, will be processed at the existing rebate amount of \$2 per SF.

For recently submitted rebate applications in which a Notice to Proceed has been issued and work has not yet started, customers have the option to withdraw their application and submit a new application with the turf rebate program changes on or after September 1, 2023.