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## **Additional Rebates for Eligible Water Saving Programs Are Made Available by the Inland Empire Utilities Agency and Metropolitan Water District**

**Inland Empire, California-** Metropolitan Water District's (MWD) new Landscape Transformation Program provides commercial and residential applicants with rebates of \$1 for each square foot of turf to be replaced with water efficient native plants and irrigation systems. Applicants who reside in Inland Empire Utilities Agency's (IEUA) service area are eligible for an additional \$1 per square foot, totaling \$2 for each square foot replaced.

"This program provides an extra incentive for residents and businesses to contribute to saving our limited water resources. In 2014, the program successfully replaced 160 million square feet of grass during the drought," said IEUA Board President Steve Elie. "Every drop counts, and these water-wise decisions will help increase drought resiliency throughout the region."

To provide a long-term response to protecting California's water resources, this ongoing program will accept up to \$50 million in applications every year. One application is allowed per service address, per year. To qualify, customers must plant a minimum of five plants per 100 square feet of land and have a minimum of 250 square feet of turf removed. If the space is under 250 square feet, all turf must be removed.

Together, MWD and IEUA offer funding for additional incentives such as high-efficiency washing machines, premium high-efficiency toilets, weather-based irrigation controllers, and more.

For additional information on eligible items, guidelines, qualifications, and the application process, please visit [www.socalwatersmart.com](http://www.socalwatersmart.com).

Additional rebate programs are available at [www.ieua.org](http://www.ieua.org).

*The Inland Empire Utilities Agency covers 242-square miles, distributes imported water, provides industrial/municipal wastewater collection and treatment services, and other related utility services to more than 875,000 people through its member agencies which include Chino, Chino Hills, Cucamonga Valley Water District, Fontana, Fontana Water Company, Montclair, Monte Vista Water District, Ontario, and Upland.*

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