



## Laundry-to-Landscape Graywater Rebate Program



The Laundry-to-Landscape (L2L) Graywater Rebate Program provides City of Madera residents a rebate credit of 85% of the cost for the purchase and installation of laundry-to-landscape graywater system not to exceed \$200.

The system captures graywater from the discharge hose of your washing machine, enabling you to reuse the water without altering the existing plumbing in your home. The system connects to a three-way diverter valve which allows graywater to be directed to either the landscape or the sewer system. The water is distributed subsurface through irrigation tubing with outlets directed to water specific plants. This system does not require a permit in California as long as basic guidelines are followed as outlined in Chapter 16 of the 2013 California Plumbing Code.

The use of graywater helps preserve our drinking water supplies by limiting the amount needed for landscape irrigation. Plants with larger root zones such as trees (especially fruit trees), shrubs and bushes, vines, perennials and large annuals do better with graywater irrigation. Graywater is **not** appropriate for irrigation of lawns, small plants, sensitive plants such as ferns, root vegetables or not for use in raised beds.

NOTE: Graywater can NOT be stored for later use as it becomes septic and can be harmful to animals and humans. Graywater can NOT be applied at the surface, it must percolate through a subsurface mulch basin and NO runoff can occur.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Obtain an application using one of the following methods:
  - Telephone: (559) 661-5466
  - Email: [lmcperson@cityofmadera.com](mailto:lmcperson@cityofmadera.com)
  - Web site: [www.cityofmadera.ca.gov](http://www.cityofmadera.ca.gov)
  - FAX: (559) 661-0760
  - Drop by our office:  
City of Madera Public Works - Water Conservation Program 1030 S.  
Gateway Dr., Madera, CA 93637
2. Send completed application, copy of utility bill, photos of laundry area where diversion plumbing will be installed, photos and drawing schematic of landscape area where you intend to discharge graywater, and the Property Owners Notice and Release **if applicable** to the Water Division, as stated above.
3. After review of the application a representative will contact you with an approval to move forward with the installation or to schedule a brief appointment for an inspection if needed. **DO NOT PURCHASE MATERIALS OR COMPLETE INSTALLATION UNTIL YOU RECEIVE APPROVAL TO MOVE FORWARD.**
4. Purchase and install materials as set forth in the Laundry to Landscape System Guidelines (provided with application packet).
5. Notify Water Conservation Division of completed project and submit receipts for approved materials purchased for project. A representative will contact you to schedule the final inspection of the project.

## **Rebate Program Guidelines and Conditions**

### **Who Qualifies?**

- City of Madera customers who pay a water utility bill to the City of Madera and who have property within the City service area.
- Renters or tenants must provide written approval from the property owner or property manager.

### **Timelines**

- Program applies to applicants after 12/21/16
- Pre installation inspection may be necessary after receipt of application and additional documents
- Approval to move forward with installation
- Final inspection required for approval of rebate credit.

### **Application and Rebate Approval or Denial**

- On-site compliance verification at the address shown on the City of Madera utility bill is required.
- An itemized dated sales receipt for the approved materials is required
- Incomplete, incorrect or unsigned applications cannot be processed and will be returned to the applicant.
- Customers must fulfill all program guidelines to be eligible for rebates.
- Rebate amounts will be credited to the utility account after completing the rebate process.

### **Other Considerations**

- The City is not responsible for materials lost by mail.
- Submission or possession of a rebate application does not guarantee receiving a rebate.
- Rebates are processed on a first come, first served basis.
- Funding for this rebate program is limited to available resources.
- Rebate amounts are subject to change without notification.
- This program shall at all times be subject to change or termination without prior notice.