

Kelowna Water Smart City

City of Kelowna Water Utility

Strata Complex Irrigated Landscape Rebate Application

The City of Kelowna Water Smart program through the City of Kelowna Water Utility is offering a rebate program for strata complexes wanting to update irrigated landscaped areas of 300 square meters or larger.

All approved projects must be completed on or before Nov. 30, 2021.

Rebate Value:

The Irrigated Landscape Rebate will provide up to \$5,000 per strata complex for the following:

Design:

Up to 50 per cent of the cost of landscape or irrigation design services to a maximum of \$500.

Climate Appropriate Plants and sufficient growing medium:

Up to 50 per cent of the cost of climate appropriate plants

Up to 50 per cent of the cost of appropriate growing medium; depth and type as per BC Landscape and Nursery Association standards

Mulch / soil amendments:

50 per cent of the cost to purchase OgoGrow or GlenGrow, or both, to a maximum of \$1000.

Permeable landscape material:

Up to 50 per cent of the cost of permeable landscape material. Note that permeable landscape material cannot exceed 30 per cent of the total renovated area.

Irrigation Equipment:

Up to 50 per cent of the cost of irrigation equipment including but not limited to controller upgrade, master valve/flow sensor, pressure regulation, pressure compensating sprinklers, micro irrigation and related components required to operate equipment.

Application submission:

1) Applications are to be completed in full and submitted to:
Kelowna Water Smart: watersmart@kelowna.ca

2) Applications will be accepted up to and including Aug. 31, 2021.

3) Applications will be reviewed as they are received and for successful applicants, funding will be awarded on a first come, first served basis until such time as all available funds have been allocated.

Eligibility

- Only residential strata complexes connected to the City of Kelowna Water Utility system are eligible for this rebate. Properties served by private wells or utilities improvement districts do not qualify as they are not supplied by the City of Kelowna Water Utility system.
- Applicants must have a project schedule for landscape and irrigation works to be completed no later than Nov. 20, 2021.
- Applicants must demonstrate that the proposed irrigated landscape changes will result in reduced irrigation water use of 20 per cent or more for the project area.
- The program applies to landscape upgrades only; previously un-landscaped areas do not qualify.
- The program is not retroactive. Sales receipts and/or contractor invoices are required for all rebates.
- Rebate cheques will be issued to the designated representative for the strata complex, as indicated on the application.

Irrigated Landscapes Rebate Program Process:

1. Submit the **Water Smart Landscapes Rebate Program application** for review.
2. Submit the Landscape Water Conservation Report for the area to be upgraded.
3. Schedule pre-construction site visit.
If the application is approved, Kelowna Water Smart (Water Smart) will contact the applicant or their designated contractor to schedule a "pre-construction" site visit. At the site visit, Water Smart will review the area to be renovated along with the upgrade plan as set out within the rebate application. Water Smart will take several "before" pictures of the area.
4. Complete the irrigated landscaped project.
Upon completion of the pre-construction site visit and approval of the upgrade plan in principal, the applicant is notified and must complete the project prior to the project deadline.
5. Schedule a post-construction site visit.
Once the project has been completed, the applicant will contact Water Smart to schedule a post construction site visit. At the post construction site visit, Water Smart will confirm that the project as described in the approved application, has occurred. Water Smart will collect receipts for products purchased and or invoice(s) from contractors secured to complete project work. Water Smart will also take several "after" pictures of the project and may return during the next two subsequent seasons for additional pictures after additional grow in.
6. Rebate processing.
Water Smart will have up to 30 days to review receipts and invoices and to issue a cheque to the applicant. If any pre-approved upgrades are not completed, the City of Kelowna reserves the right to withhold all or part of the rebate value for the project in question.

Project Activities:

Project activities that would qualify for the rebate include, but are not limited to, the following:

- I. Replacing cool season turf grass areas with lower water use, climate appropriate, plant material. A good resource for climate appropriate plant choices is the Okanagan Xeriscape Association plant list. Appropriate depth of growing medium must be installed. Planted areas must be covered with a 3-inch layer of mulch.
- II. Replacing cool season turf grass areas with drought tolerant turf grass. Appropriate depth of growing medium must be installed.

Applicant Information

Please check one:

- This rebate made it possible for irrigated landscape upgrades to occur
- The irrigated landscape upgrades would have occurred with or without the rebate

Legal Name of residential project property

Complete Mailing Address

Contact Phone

Contact Email

Declaration

- I declare that the property described above is connected to the City of Kelowna Water Utility water supply system.
- I declare that the project will be installed as indicated in this application package.
- I agree that the City of Kelowna Water Utility is not responsible for quality of installation.
- I agree that the City of Kelowna Water Utility has the right to inspect or verify that the project has been installed as indicated and I will facilitate site visits conducted by the City of Kelowna Water Smart team.
- I agree to allow the City of Kelowna Water Utility to use before and after project pictures in future promotions.

Applicant signature

Date

Size of area to be renovated: _____

Provide list of plant material to be installed and source:

Plant information

Source

- Landscape Water Conservation Report attached
- Irrigation Controller to be utilized meets requirements per Bylaw 10480:
 - 364 – day calendar
 - Independent day scheduling options (eg days of the week)
 - Water budgeting/ seasonal adjustment by percentage
 - Rain delay;
 - Able to receive sensor inputs (eg: rain sensor input)
 - Installed and programmed according to the manufacturers specifications

Are you applying for the rebate for the purchase of OgoGrow and/or GlenGrow?

- Yes
- No

Documentation of current water use is required:

- Water utility bill covering time frame during irrigation season
- Other documentation such as water use calculations based on current irrigation product and scheduling

Contractor(s) to be hired to complete some or all of the work?

- Yes
- No

Contractor(s) meets rebate minimum qualifications (see list below):

- QWEL certified and/or IIABC CIT1
- Able to provide minimum of two references
- City of Kelowna business license holder
- Carries appropriate insurance coverage

Please submit your application to: watersmart@kelowna.ca

