

Waterwise Verge Program Information

Scheme Overview

The Town of Cambridge is offering 20 residents a rebate of \$500 to convert irrigated grass or hard surface on the verge to a Waterwise verge including mulch and Waterwise plants.

Waterwise verges green the Town, create a cooling effect, reduce water consumption, create wildlife corridors and enhance local biodiversity.

The rebate aims to offset the cost associated with removing grass or hard surface and installing Waterwise landscaping. To obtain the rebate residents must:

1. Submit a Waterwise verge application form.
2. Undertake the works once the application is accepted. Works must be completed before 31 May.
3. Submit a rebate claim form once the works have been completed.

Claims must be submitted by 31 May. Funds will be granted for eligible applications on a first come first served basis until the pool of grant funding is exhausted.

For more information about Waterwise verges check out '[Creating a Waterwise Verge](#)' at the Water Corporation website.

How to Apply

1. Download the application form at www.cambridge.wa.gov.au/vergerebate.
2. Submit the application with a 'before' photo of the verge by email (preferred), post or in person.
3. The Town will advise if the application is successful within three weeks of submitting the application
4. Undertake the verge conversion works before 31 May - including the removal of irrigated grass or hard surface and replacement with mulch and Waterwise plants.
5. Submit the claim form with an 'after' photo by 31 May.

The Town will provide the \$500 rebate via cheque within four weeks of receiving a claim.

Eligibility Criteria

- The rebate is only open to Town of Cambridge residents.
- Only residential properties are eligible. Commercial properties are not eligible.
- Only verges with irrigated grass or hard surface will be considered
- The converted Waterwise verge must comply with the Town's '[Street Verges- Landscaping and Maintenance](#)' [policy 5.2.19](#) and accompanying '[Street Verge Landscape and Maintenance Guidelines](#)'.

- Written permission must be obtained from the home owner including the landlord for a rental property or the body corporate or strata manager for a property that is part of a strata complex. Only one application will be accepted per strata complex.
- A minimum of 20m² must be converted.
- Existing native gardens are not eligible
- Landscaping must include 5-10cm of coarse mulch (woodchip or tree prunings) and Waterwise plants (local native plants preferred). The Water Corporation's [Waterwise Plant Directory](#) and [Perth NRM Coastal Gardens Planting Guide](#) are useful references for selecting Waterwise plants. Please bear in mind that the plants selected must grow to a maximum height of 750mm. The Town offers a [Native Plant Subsidy Scheme](#) each May which enables local residents to purchase up to 80 local native seedlings at a subsidized price.
- All applications will be subject to approval by the Town.
- Works must commence after the application has been approved and must be completed before 31 May.
- A claim can only be submitted once the works have been completed by 31 May.
- A before photo must be submitted with the application form and an after photo must be submitted with the claim form. Photos may be used for promotional purposes.
- The verge may be inspected before and after the conversion to verify the application and claim.
- The Water Corporation may monitor water use and take photos of the converted verge once established.