Chino Hills, CA – Chino Hills’ residents and businesses interested in swapping out their thirsty grass for more water-efficient plants may participate in Metropolitan Water District’s (MWD) newly-launched Landscape Transformation Program. MWD, along with the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA), encourages water-use efficiency by offering incentives including a rebate of $1 per square foot of turf removed. The IEUA will also add $1 per square foot to the current $1 MWD rebate for a combined rebate of $2 per square foot. The rebate applies to a maximum of 1,500 square feet of turf removed for residents, and 10,000 square feet for businesses. Guidelines also require a simple landscape plan, conversion of overhead irrigation to drip or micro-spray irrigation, water saving plants, and no bare soil. Synthetic turf is not allowed.

In addition, homeowners must remove at least 250 square feet from their front yard to be eligible for the rebate. Residents are eligible to receive a rebate for removing turf from their side or backyard if they have either completed the minimum amount of turf removal in their front yards or if they have already completed a project in the previous Landscape Transformation Program. Residential recipients must also attend a mandatory class either online or in-person. Before and after inspections may be required, and projects must be completed within 180 days. Additional information about the program is available online at SoCalWaterSmart.com or by calling the City of Chino Hills at (909) 364-2804.

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