



Ogden City Only

Weber Basin Water Conservancy District

Flip Your Strip Program Overview

Park strips are one of the largest areas of water waste in residential and commercial landscapes because they are narrow, usually poor soil and when planted as lawn can't be watered efficiently. Overhead spray sprinklers are inefficient in areas less than 8' wide. Park strips are also one of the easiest places to begin to change in a landscape to be more Utah-friendly and more water-efficient because they require minimal landscape design and are usually on their own irrigation zone. A typical park strip area will require 7,000-10,000 gallons of water per year when planted as lawn.

Weber Basin's Flip Your Strip program is intended to remove turf from park strips and create attractive, low-water alternatives. Weber Basin will incentive \$1.25 per square foot to homeowners that convert the lawn landscaping in their park strip to a more water- efficient area. Program participants will apply for the program using the www.MyWaterUtah.org website. The application must be completed in full online and approval granted before proceeding with the work. A couple things of note below include:

- The percentage of landscape material required to be put back in place of lawn will be up to the City ordinance or code where the property is located. The program will meet the minimum city standards for plant material.
- An agreement will be required to be signed by each participant.

District/City staff will work with participants to make sure they are meeting all the requirements of the program and successfully complete the park strip projects to meet the program objectives.

Program Process

- Participants log in www.mywaterutah.org to apply for the program. Staff will verify eligibility, check deadlines, and ensure funds are available.
- Weber Basin or city staff will contact eligible participants to schedule a site visit if needed to guide the participant through the process.
- Participant will sign the Program Agreement that will be sent to them via email. This must be physically signed and notarized and returned before beginning the project.
- Photos of each step of the process will be required. This includes turf before it is removed, turf removed, the irrigation system converted to drip, new plants installed and then final product that includes mulch (bark or rock).
- Participant will then schedule a final site visit once all the work is complete. This site visit must happen when water is still on for the season so that the irrigation system operation can be verified.
- The participant will then receive the incentive of \$1.25 per square foot for the area that was converted, the incentive payment is sent via U.S. mail.

Program Requirements and Restrictions

- Participant must be a residential customer within Ogden City.
- Participant's park strip must be fully landscaped with living, well maintained lawn at the time of the application. (Before photos must verify landscaping and a site visit may be scheduled to verify these conditions. District staff will consider drought water restrictions when assessing the health of the pre-project landscaping.)
- Participant shall remove all the lawn in the park strip and replace it with water-efficient landscaping using drip irrigation.
- All lawn must be removed and converted to other plant material. The percentage of plant material used in the final design must meet the City requirements per their code for percent cover at maturity. Plants cannot exceed 24 inches tall at maturity except for trees.
- Converted park strips will be watered with a drip irrigation system equipped with a filter, pressure regulator, and proper emitters.
- Converted park strips must be covered by at least 3 inches of mulch permeable to water and air.
- Participant will be advised to not remove any park strip trees as part of conversion, but doing so will not disqualify them from receiving the incentive. Trees must be planted or left in the landscape if required by the City.

- Participant must complete the park strip conversion within a 12 month period.
- Participant must sustain park strip conversion and never reinstall lawn for as long as they own the property.
- Participant must comply with all applicable laws, policies, codes, ordinances and covenants regarding the park strip landscape. Each participant must sign an agreement regarding this compliance.
- Participant waives and releases Weber Basin Water Conservancy District and their contractors or agents from any and all claims and causes of action arising out of the installation and use of devices pursuant to this program.

Weber Basin Water Conservancy District has limited funds for this program each year. The program will continue assuming funding is available. Funding will be monitored, and applications may be stopped if funding is depleted or becomes unavailable. Any participant approved in the program will be allowed to complete the program and receive the incentive funding.