

# Water Savings Incentive Program

## About the Program

The Water Savings Incentive Program provides rebates to non-residential consumers for improving water efficiency with upgraded equipment or services that do not qualify for other standard Metropolitan rebates. The program's "pay-for-performance" structure provides incentives based on the amount of water saved. The WSIP program encourages custom projects designed for specific water-saving needs and opportunities to help Southern California's businesses, agriculture and institutions achieve their water efficiency goals.

**Most incentives are \$0.60 per 1,000 gallons of water saved.**

Payments are usually phased. A percentage of the estimated total incentive may be provided to the customer upon project installation or implementation. The balance is paid after one year of monitoring the actual water use and verifying water savings compared to pre-project usage.

## Eligibility

All non-residential consumers within Metropolitan's service area can apply for a WSIP incentive (projects in multi-family residential common areas may be eligible). Incentives are provided on a first-come/first-serve basis until funding is exhausted. New construction projects are not eligible.

**To be approved for a WSIP incentive, projects must have the following general qualities:**

- Save at least 10 million gallons of water over the total project lifespan (up to 10 years)
- Projects cannot be installed prior to rebate application approval
- Cannot save potable water by replacing it with another water source such as recycled or well water
- At least three years of water use history must be provided to establish a water use baseline before project implementation
- Projects that involve equipment must operate for at least five years and save water for the lifespan of the equipment
- Water management services projects must have third-party contractual services for at least one year



## Eligible Projects Examples

Eligible projects that improve efficiency include, but are not limited to:

- Installation of commercial or industrial high-efficiency equipment
- Industrial process improvements, including those that capture, treat and reuse wastewater
- Agricultural and landscape water efficiency improvements involving changes to irrigation systems and/or installation of valves and pumps to improve efficiency
- Water management services that may include new equipment, materials and horticultural practices

Eligible costs may include audits, design, engineering, construction, equipment and materials (including plant materials) hardware and software, freight and shipping, third-party labor and contract water management services.



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# Online Application Process



Applications for WSIP are submitted via [bewaterwise.com](http://bewaterwise.com) to [SoCalWaterSmart.com](http://SoCalWaterSmart.com). Consumers with multiple projects (particularly at different sites/facilities) should submit separate applications for each project.

Consumers are encouraged to apply at least two months before projects are planned to start to ensure adequate time for the application process. Participants who do not anticipate starting their projects within the next 12 months should wait to apply. Contact SoCal Water\$mart at [wsip@egia.org](mailto:wsip@egia.org) or 888.645.3301 to discuss projects.

Be prepared to provide basic information including:

- **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Information about the property, current water-using equipment or services, and proposed new water-efficient equipment or services
- **WATER SAVINGS:** Estimated water savings per year and project lifespan
- **TIMELINE:** Desired start date for project implementation and estimated time needed for implementation
- **COSTS:** Estimated cost of the project

## Application Timeline

There are three phases for participation in the WSIP. The timeline for moving through these phases will depend on the customer's specific project. A SoCal Water\$mart account manager will help guide the process.



### APPLICATION PHASE

- An online application with all required documentation is submitted.
- A SoCal Water\$mart representative will contact the consumer to discuss their project's water saving potential, timeline, costs and any project-specific information. If the project is determined eligible, a site pre-inspection will be scheduled.
- At the site inspection, a SoCal Water\$mart representative will verify current equipment or services.
- A project installation timeframe will be determined. Funding for the project will be reserved according to this timeframe.

### IMPLEMENTATION PHASE

- The project will be completed within an agreed-upon timeframe.
- Once complete, consumers will login to [socalwatersmart.com](http://socalwatersmart.com) to report project completion and to schedule a post-inspection of the property.
- An onsite inspection with a SoCal Water\$mart representative will verify project implementation according to the application commitment.
- Paid invoices for eligible project costs can be submitted through [socalwatersmart.com](http://socalwatersmart.com).
- A portion of the initial incentive will be sent from SoCal Water\$mart based upon anticipated water savings.

### MONITORING PHASE

- Consumers will continue to work with a SoCal Water\$mart representative to monitor the project's water savings for 12 months.
- SoCal Water\$mart will analyze water usage information to determine the measured water savings.
- Consumers will receive an incentive based on measured water savings and eligible costs for reimbursement.

## Questions

Contact Metropolitan's Gary Tilkian at [gtilkian@mwdh2o.com](mailto:gtilkian@mwdh2o.com), 213.217.6088



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