

## **Texas Grown Trees Residential Rebate**

Georgetown's Texas Grown Tree Residential Rebate is a program designed to increase Georgetown's tree canopy by offering tree planting incentives to Georgetown residents. Rebates for planting native trees are available when planting a qualifying native or adaptive tree species. By installing native trees, you can create a beautiful and shaded yard that conserves water and will survive during Texas droughts.

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### **REBATE AMOUNT**

The rebate covers up to five (5) qualifying trees of 5 or 15-gallon size or two (2) 30-gallon trees. This includes purchasing the materials for do-it-yourselfers or having a contractor provide the materials and do the work for you (Taxes/delivery are counted toward the total cost of the tree).

Size of The Tree	Maximum Number of Trees	Minimum Purchase Price per Tree/ Rebate per Qualifying Tree
5-gallon	5	\$50
15-gallon	5	\$100
30-gallon	2	\$250

- The rebate covers the cost up to \$500 annually.

*Rebates are available until funds have been expended.*

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### **Eligibility**

#### **Applicant:**

- Must be a customer of the City of Georgetown Water.
- Must be the property owner or utility account holder.
- Must be in compliance with current City of Georgetown Water restrictions.
- Must submit the application to City of Georgetown Water for pre-approval before buying or installing any materials.
- This rebate cannot be combined with the Love Your Local Lawn or Permanent Removal of Irrigation System Rebate.
- Agrees to any needed pre- and post-installation inspection by Georgetown Water (If necessary).

- Is responsible for meeting federal, state, and city codes, and regulatory and permit requirements.
- Willing to let the City of Georgetown reference the project in outreach materials.

### **Requirements:**

- Planted areas and exposed soil must be covered with 4 inches of mulch.
- All trees must be planted from September 1<sup>st</sup>- May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Conversions must not include:
  - New irrigation installation
  - Plastic or non-biodegradable weed barriers
  - Water waste

### **Trees Must Be Selected from One of The Following Lists:**

Preferred, Controlled, and Prohibited Plant List:

<https://udc.georgetown.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2020/06/Preferred-Controlled-and-Prohibited-Plant-Lists-1.pdf>

\*\*Must be marked with one of the 5 the native designations (E,B,E/B, T, or X)\*\*

Love Your Local Lawn Guidebook: [https://gus.georgetown.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/47/2023/03/LYLL\\_Reduced.pdf](https://gus.georgetown.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/47/2023/03/LYLL_Reduced.pdf)

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### **CHECKLIST**

- **Meet all eligibility requirements.**
- **Submit rebate pre-approval application through your Customer Self Service (CSS) Portal to include:**
  - **Basic design of the landscape**
    - Show trees at full maturity
  - **A Complete List of Materials** with material costs
  - **Tree list**
- **Complete the project** within the installation deadline in the letter of intent.
  - **Get any required permits.**
  - **Buy materials.**
  - **Plant trees.**

- **Submit project completion documentation.**
  - **Dated and itemized receipt(s)** with vendor contact and payment information to City of Georgetown Water.
    - Invoices must be separated by each item and labor.
- **IRS W-9 form** (If rebate(s) amount is more than \$599 for calendar year).
- **Wait 6 to 8 weeks** for your City of Georgetown Water Conservation rebate check.

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## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Refer to your homeowner's association requirements prior to converting.
- Add compost and mulch rather than rock and gravel
- Use materials that are compatible with the soil type on your property.
- Consider using a rain harvesting system to save water.
- Practice hydrozoning by grouping similar plant types into zones that have similar watering and sun/shade requirements.

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## BEFORE PLANTING YOUR TEXAS GROWN TREES

Native trees naturally appear in regions after adapting over thousands of years. With efficient root systems, they use up to 80% less water than non-natives. Choosing native trees not only creates a sustainable and attractive yard but also supports local pollinators, ensuring resilience during Texas droughts.

### Benefits

- Requires 80 percent less water
- Efficient root system
- Supports pollinators
- Reduces heat island effect
- Reduces water runoff
- Low maintenance

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## STEPS TO TEXAS GROWN TREE PLANTING

**Yard Environment:** Map out the sunny and shaded areas, and be specific: partial sun, full shade, etc. This will help determine what type of trees to select for those areas.

**Select Your Trees:** Consider the bloom color, time of year, height of the tree, shape of the tree, and size at maturity. You will want to design your plant beds so plants with similar watering requirements are grouped together. Note the animals frequently found in your neighborhood such as deer or rabbits. There are many varieties of trees available that are designed to deter animals.

**Prep the Soil:** Clear away any weeds and debris from your planting area. Dig a hole two times larger than the ball/roots of the tree. Add 2 inches of compost with a small amount of soil placed on top. Place the tree in the hole and backfill the hole until it is even with the surrounding soil.

**Mulch:** Mulching the surrounding area is key in maintaining moisture, preventing erosion and weeds, and protecting the roots.

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### **QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF BEFORE STARTING**

- How much rainfall do you receive?
- What are the characteristics of the soils?
- Do you have any HOA restrictions?
- What is important to you in your landscape?
- Do you have an adequate water supply to deliver to your tree while it is being established?
- Where are your yard's areas of function? (play spot, outdoor living, grilling)

For more information, visit our Love Your Local Lawn Guide found on our website: <https://gus.georgetown.org/water/>