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#### **CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION HOSTS TURF CONVERSION CLASS**

**GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. August 7, 2024** – The City of Grand Junction will host a Turf Conversion class on Wednesday, August 28, 2024, from 5:30 – 7 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium (250 North 5<sup>th</sup> St.). This class is designed to help water customers improve resource stewardship. Information will also be available about the city's Turf Conversion and other rebate programs. Community members are encouraged to [register](#) for the class by Tuesday, August 27, 2024.

To qualify for the city's Turf Conversion rebate program, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- City of Grand Junction Water customer [Check residential address](#)
- Have living turf areas between 500-2000 sq. feet (residential) or 500-5000 sq. feet (commercial or non-residential)

In conjunction with the Turf Conversion rebate of \$1 per square foot for turf replacement, the city has other rebate programs available. The Water Efficiency Rebate Program includes rebates for water-saving appliances such as toilets, washing machines, smart irrigation controllers, soil moisture sensors, rain sensors, high-efficiency rotor nozzles, and tree drip irrigation kits. Rebates may be combined with other water conservation programs. More information about the program and rebate qualifications can be found on the [Water Conservation Programs website](#).

"We are excited to offer the Turf Conversion and other rebates for city water users providing an opportunity to reduce water bills by converting high water use lawns to low or moderate watering landscape as well as employing other water saving methods," stated Randi Kim, Utilities director.

"By adapting our landscapes to our arid climate and replacing older appliances, we can help conserve our limited natural resources," continued Kim.

To help fund the Turf Conversion Program, the city received a grant from the Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Colorado Water Conservation Board that the Utilities Department matched. City Council approved additional funds for the program making a total of \$150,000 available for turf rebates through 2024 and until funds run out in spring of 2025.

Information about the Turf Conversion Program and appliance rebates can be found on the [Water Conservation Programs webpages](#) of the city website GJCity.org. Questions about the program can be emailed to the [Water Conservation Specialist](#) or call 970-256-4187.

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