

AGREEMENT FOR SINGLE FAMILY IRRIGATION RETROFIT REBATE PROGRAM

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The Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department Irrigation Retrofit Rebate Program provides financial incentive for homeowners in Miami-Dade County to modify irrigation systems to make them apply water more efficiently. Improved irrigation efficiency will cause a reduction in the amount of water used outdoors and create healthier more sustainable landscapes. Approved applicants will receive an irrigation assessment before and after the irrigation is retrofitted. The assessments will be provided by the Urban Conservation Unit of the Miami-Dade County Extension Service. Assessments are free and are designed to provide insight to homeowners as to what retrofits would be both cost-effective and appropriate for the irrigation system.

To qualify for the FY2011-2012 Program rebate, all retrofit work must be completed, a post-retrofit inspection conducted by the UCU, and all rebate paperwork submitted by August 31, 2012. Rebates are only available for changes made to the irrigation system that are included on the List of Approved Irrigation Retrofits (below) or for a modification that is approved by the UCU prior to retrofit.

List of Approved Irrigation Retrofits

Rebates are available for the following irrigation retrofits (including parts and labor):

Qualified retrofit	Maximum possible rebate
Purchase and installation of a rain sensor (cannot be combined with installation of soil moisture sensor or ET controller).	\$120
Purchase and installation of a soil moisture sensor or ET controller (not both).	\$400
Removal of irrigation in areas where plants do not require irrigation water (low water demand plants that have already been established).	\$200
Installation of plants that are drought tolerant combined with removal of irrigation. Plants must be listed in publication titled "Low Maintenance Landscape Plants for South Florida" available at: http://Miami-dade.ifas.ufl.edu	\$400
Redesign of irrigation system to separate zones based on plant water demand (example: grass should be on a separate zone from shrubs).	\$400
Modification and installation of sprinklers to provide matched precipitation rate throughout a zone.	\$200
Installation of low volume irrigation in landscape bed zones.	\$400
Replacement of Indexing valve with electric valves and mechanical timer with a digital timer.	\$400
Other water conservation strategy (must be approved by UCU).	TBD

All costs to be reimbursed must be documented. Participants must provide original receipts/invoices to the Miami-Dade County Extension Service. Receipts/invoices must be itemized showing the cost for labor and individual parts purchased. All receipts/invoices submitted must show payment in full, in order to qualify for the rebate. Participants must also include a copy of the reports from the UCU detailing the condition of system before and after system retrofits in order to receive a rebate.

A maximum of \$400.00 is available for each participant. Rebates shall be granted on a first-come first-serve basis until program funds are expended. To apply for the program please fill out the application form on the reverse side.

This agreement is entered into as of _____ 2011/2012 by and between Miami Dade County Florida Yards & Neighborhoods (FYN) Program in collaboration with the Urban Conservation Unit (UCU) AND _____ Single Family Homeowner hereinafter referred to as the SFH under the following **TERMS:**

1. The SFH will be contacted to schedule an evaluation of his/her irrigation system by the UCU. The SFH will be advised of irrigation system recommendations in the UCU's pre-evaluation report. The UCU report will include recommendations which should be implemented in order to make his/her irrigation system more water efficient.
2. The Miami Dade Water and Sewer Department (MDWASD) will reimburse the SFH **up to but not exceeding four hundred dollars (\$400)** for retrofits made to the existing irrigation system to make it more efficient. **Only modifications that are on the List of Approved Irrigation Retrofits (other side of page) or a modification that is approved by the UCU prior to retrofit will be reimbursable.**
3. After the retrofits have been performed, **the SFH must schedule a second evaluation of the system by the UCU** to ensure retrofits were performed correctly. To receive a rebate each SFH must:
 - a. Receive a pre-retrofit evaluation of their irrigation system
 - b. Receive a post-retrofit evaluation of their irrigation system
 - c. Provide itemized receipts and canceled checks, when applicable, for parts and labor used in retrofits
4. All retrofits must be completed and paperwork must be submitted within 6 months of initial pre-retrofit evaluation or before August 31, 2012, whichever comes first.
5. The undersigned is solely responsible for permitting and retention of a licensed contractor to perform the installation work.
6. Failure to maintain a scheduled appointment or failure to reply to UCU requests for an appointment will result in dismissal of application.
7. The SFH will be made aware of other water conservation programs available from MDWASD through the UCU and will receive information about Florida-Friendly landscaping.
8. The SFH will allow the UCU to release copies of both pre and post evaluation reports to FYN, MDWASD, and the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD).
9. The SFH agrees to hold harmless MDWASD, FYN and the UCU for any loss or damage to SFH property or landscaping.
10. The SFH may participate in the program up to, but not exceeding 3 times. The SFH must apply in each new program year (for example 2011/2012) and must complete retrofits in that program year in accordance with this Agreement.

Homeowner (Print Name) _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Signature _____ Email _____

FYN Authorized Representative (Print Name) _____

Signature _____ Date signed _____

UCU Authorized Representative (Print Name) _____

Signature _____ Date signed _____