

RESIDENTIAL ENTRANCEWAY APPEARANCE PROGRAM

Date _____

Association Name _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____ Zip Code _____

Daytime Phone _____ E-mail _____

Irrigation watering system

1. What months do you run your irrigation system?
2. Where is your irrigation system located?
3. What plant material did your irrigation system support?
4. What is the dollar amount of your last water bill?

Manual watering system (second tier)

1. Can you provide proof/documentation and location of watering?
2. Who is designated to water the entranceway?
3. How is it watered? How often is it watered?
4. How long is it being watered?

Signature of association representative _____

For office use only
Date received: _____
Date approved: _____
\$ amount approved: _____

REAP
Residential Entranceway
Appearance Program

Keeping Southfield Beautiful

one neighborhood at a time

The City of Southfield is offering water bill rebates to neighborhood and condominium associations who maintain their entranceways through either installed irrigation systems or by manual irrigation maintenance.

The Residential Entranceway Appearance Program (REAP) will award rebates (up to \$500 for installed irrigation system maintenance; or up to \$250 for manual irrigation maintenance) to the first 40 neighborhoods who enroll and meet the criteria standards.

The rebates are intended to encourage community enhancement efforts through the involvement of neighborhood and condominium groups and reward them when they achieve their goals.

Neighborhood and condominium groups must fill out the application (listed on the back of this brochure or downloaded from the Southfield Web site: www.cityofsouthfield.com) and detail WHEN their irrigation system runs, WHERE it is located and the amount of the last water bill.

The application must be returned by October 31 each year to the Neighborhood and Information Center located at 26000 Evergreen Road (inside city hall) and a representative will follow-up with your association.



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Second-tier REAP water rebate

The program also features a second-tier water rate rebate of up to \$250 for neighborhoods that don't have an irrigation system, however still find ways to maintain their entranceways through manual irrigation.

When filling out a REAP application, associations must show (either through photographs or other means) that the manual watering of their entranceway yielded tangible results. They also must show WHO is designated to irrigate the entranceway and HOW often it is watered in order to be eligible to receive the second tier incentive of up to \$250.

The incentive program is administered by the City's Neighborhood and Information Center and its standards criteria committee who review the completed application and determine the amount of the rebate that will be awarded. Applications for second-tier water rate rebates must also be received by October 31 annually.

Neighborhood associations that do not currently have an irrigation system installed may also apply for a grant of up to \$500 to be applied towards the installation of a system. The program is one of many created by the city to promote Southfield's strategic efforts to maintain high curb appeal standards and to keep the city beautiful.



overview

CITY OF SOUTHFIELD REAP landscape and irrigation requirements for reimbursement

1. All existing or proposed landscape and irrigation systems shall meet or exceed the general requirements and specifications of the City of Southfield's Planning Department (copies available on request).
2. All plant material shall be premium quality (nursery grade #1).
3. Only improved landscaped beds that include trees, shrubs, perennials or annual flowers (in healthy growing condition) will be eligible for reimbursement.
4. Soil shall be backfilled directly behind all curbs and along sidewalks and compacted to the top of curbs or walks to support vehicle and pedestrians without settling.
5. All trees and shrubs shall be no closer than the following distances from sidewalks, curbs and parking stalls:

Shade/Canopy Trees	5 feet
Ornamental/Flowering	10 feet
Evergreen Trees	10 feet
Evergreen/Flowering	4 feet



Criteria

6. All shrub beds must be mulched with shredded bark mulch to a 3" minimum depth and lawn trees with a minimum 4' wide by 4" deep shredded bark ring. Only natural-colored double shredded hardwood bark mulch may be used.
7. The irrigation of all plants, shrubs and trees shall continue for the entire growing season or as the weather dictates. Irrigation systems shall have separate zones to minimize over-watering.
8. All landscape shall be free of weeds, dead or diseased material, trash and debris, and shall be pruned, mowed or otherwise maintained in a timely fashion to improve appearances and remove hazards.
9. Further direction and information available upon request.
10. Refer to the city's Web site at www.cityofsouthfield.com to obtain additional links to gardening information.

For more information contact:
City of Southfield Neighborhood and Information Center
 26000 Evergreen Road
 Southfield, MI 48076
 (248) 796-5140

standards