

Save even more

As your business invests in a landscape that works for you, you're also investing in the long-term sustainability of the community we share.

While the "hard costs" of a landscape conversion can vary, these cost-reducing strategies can help you manage costs wisely:

- Use or adapt one landscape design for multiple areas or properties.
- Consider using a Water Smart Contractor experienced in large conversions. Locate contractors on snwa.com.
- Seek multiple bids based on your plan from licensed contractors. Ask for bids to be presented in the same units for easy comparison.
- Incorporate existing plants if they are healthy and fit into your design.
- Consider retaining your existing trees, both to save costs and to provide extra shade to your landscape and facilities, which may reduce energy costs as well.
- If possible, incorporate existing irrigation components into your new drip-irrigation system. A new "smart controller" can help you reduce water use further, and you may be eligible for an additional rebate. (See snwa.com for details.)
- Use fast-growing species of smaller plants, which cost far less and establish in a season or two.
- If using inorganic mulch, such as rock, use smaller material sizes for better coverage and longer durability, reducing maintenance costs.
- Complete your conversion work in phases if you have budget or cash-flow constraints. Some Homeowner's Associations, for instance, have used their SNWA rebate from a prior conversion phase to finance part or all of a later conversion phase.
- Do as much as you can in each phase of work to reduce multiple mobilization fees charged by your contractor(s).

