

Terms and Conditions

1. Homeowners with a permanent, operable and functioning in-ground irrigation system that is used as their primary source of supplemental irrigation are eligible. Applicants must have used more than 200,000 gallons of water in the last year as verified by utility consumption data.
2. Funds will only be available for implementation or construction activities. Planning, engineering and design are not eligible for grant funding unless they are conducted as part of a design/install service, typically provided by professional landscape and irrigation contractors.
3. Funds will only be available to meet Florida Water StarSM Silver Level Criteria. Any costs incurred that are not related to meeting these criteria are the responsibility of the homeowner.
4. Recipients will be asked to assist in promoting efficient landscape and irrigation practices in their development/neighborhood.
5. Recipient shall allow a minimum of three scheduled tours within one year following the retrofit of their landscape, not including any inspections and certifications of project work.
6. Funds will be administered as a lump-sum to the recipient following an on-site evaluation by a Florida Water StarSM Certifier. Verification of benchmark completion by the County or its representatives may be required.
7. Recipients must:
 - a. sign, upon grant notification, an agreement holding Marion County Board of County Commissioners and authorized representatives harmless against any damages related to or resulting from the project;
 - b. obtain all appropriate permissions and permits for the project;
 - c. agree to and allow inspection of the installed landscape and irrigation systems for verification that Florida Water StarSM Criteria is met prior to funds being distributed.
8. Recipient shall be required to maintain all records and documents pertaining to the project for three years after completion. The Marion County Board of County Commissioners, its authorized representatives, and/or county auditors shall have the right of access to work sites and shall have full access to all books, records and other documents related to the project.
9. Funds will be awarded on a one time basis for a physical address regardless of changes in property ownership.
10. Recipient will be required to verify homeownership or authorization by the homeowner prior to participation in this program.

For more information on this application packet, please contact Rachel Novak, Marion County Office of the County Engineer, Water Resources at (352) 671-8672 or Rachel.Novak@Marionfl.org