

# Water Submeter Rebate Program

Receive up to **\$100** per installed submeter



The Santa Clara Valley Water District is offering a rebate (up to **\$100** per installed submeter) to mobile home parks and condominium complexes for changing from a master water meter to individual water submeters.

## Why install water submeters?

- Just as residents are responsible for their own electric bill, water submetering makes residents responsible for their own water use.
- Submetering can help keep rents low because water costs are taken out.
- Submeters encourage residents to fix or report leaks, helping with long-term maintenance.

## How much water will my complex save?

In a pilot study, the water district found that complexes reduce their water use by an average of 25 percent!

## PARTICIPATION IS EASY:

1. Applicant must contact the Santa Clara Valley Water District before the start of the project to receive an application package: 408-265-2607, ext. 2707.
2. If the site has an acre or more of irrigated landscape, schedule a landscape water-use survey with the Santa Clara Valley Water District. Surveys are provided free of charge.
3. Submit a completed Submeter Retrofit Application before the submeters are installed.
4. Confirm device qualification for reimbursement:
  - Select meters that are compliant with the Uniform Plumbing Code
  - Certify the selected equipment with the Department of Weights & Measures
  - Apply for permits with the California Department of Housing & Community Development
5. Schedule and complete submeter installation within six months of submitting an application to the water district.
6. Submit copy of the installation invoice, the submeter purchase invoice, the permit from the California Dept. of Housing and Community Development, and the submeter certification from the County Dept. of Weights and Measures, to the District as soon as installation is completed.
7. Call the water district to schedule a post-installation inspection of the complex submeters as soon as the installation is complete. This inspection must be completed by the District before the rebate can be issued.
8. The Santa Clara Valley Water District will issue a check within approximately 8 weeks after all applicant requirements have been met.



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## PROJECT GUIDELINES:

1. Applicant must contact the water district before the start of the project to receive an application package: 408-265-2607, ext.2707.
2. Applicants must complete and return a W-9 Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification. The Santa Clara Valley Water District will provide this form to all applicants.
3. The rebate amount is up to \$100 per installed submeter and may be applied to the cost of the submeters and installation of the submeters. Under no circumstance can the rebate amount exceed the cost of the submeter and its installation.
4. The installed submeter equipment must meet the following criteria:
  - Be compliant with the Uniform Plumbing Code
  - Be certified for use, before installation, by the Department of Weights & Measures
  - Be permitted by the California Department of Housing & Community Development
5. The equipment must be lawfully installed.
6. Any contractor hired to install submeters must meet the following criteria:
  - Be licensed to work in California
  - Be insured
7. The Santa Clara Valley Water District will not reimburse costs associated with the following:
  - Device certification by the Department of Weights and Measures
  - Permit costs by the California Department of Housing & Community Development
  - Regular maintenance or replacement of existing or District funded submeters
  - Costs associated with utility billing
8. The property owner must submit the following to the Santa Clara Valley Water District: a copy of the installation invoice, a copy of the submeter purchase invoice, a copy of the permit from the California Department of Housing and Community Development, and a copy of the submeter certification from the Santa Clara County Dept. of Weights and Measures, as soon as the project is completed.
9. The Santa Clara Valley Water District must be given access to any and all water-use data for the property. All programs are subject to funding availability and program restrictions.

