

## Program Overview

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's (SFPUC) has recognized the value of assisting its large water use customers with free landscape technical assistance. Through the Landscape Technical Assistance Program (LTAP), the SFPUC can help retail water users identify water saving opportunities in their landscape that can reduce water use and costs. By participating in LTAP, your site can receive the following:

**System Evaluation:** Surveyors from the Landscape Technical Assistance Program evaluate the water delivery system and point out inefficiencies that can add up to significant water losses.

**Irrigation Budget:** Surveyors classify plant groups into hydrozones to estimate each site's actual water need. This results in the optimum water budget, which is compared with past use and the maximum allowance for water use based on irrigated area and the site's evapotranspiration rate to determine possible water and cost savings.

**Site-Specific Recommendations and Cost Estimate:** Surveyors provide recommendations for improving landscape health and irrigation system efficiency. Recommendations include upgrading irrigation hardware and modifying landscape areas for appropriate uses. If your site has the potential budget to implement recommendations, our surveyors will prepare a cost estimate for implementing the recommended improvements.

**Site Report:** The site's property manager/owner will receive a report that evaluates the existing irrigation system and landscape water management. The report also includes a summary of the irrigation system check, irrigation budget, recommended schedule, and irrigation efficiency improvement recommendations.

## LTAP Application

Applications for the Landscape Technical Assistance Program will be accepted on a first-come first-serve basis for applicants that meet the eligibility criteria while funding is available. Applicants must review and meet the eligible criteria below:

- Applicant must be retail customer of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission;
- Applicant must be interested in improving the irrigation efficiency of their landscape and reducing potable water to stay within a designated water budget;
- The site must have an existing landscape using potable water for irrigation;
- The site must have a minimum of 10,000 square feet of irrigated landscape;
- The majority of the site's irrigation system must be older than 5 years (if the site's irrigation has been renovated in the last 5 years, the site can still apply if water use has increased since the improvements);
- Applicant must be able to implement some or all of the critical recommendations proposed through the LTAP program within 1 to 3 years of receiving the final report in effort to stay within the water budget; and
- The Applicant must provide the SFPUC and its consultant's access to the site and provide supporting data and/or documentation to complete the survey and analysis.

Please submit completed applications to [landscape@sfwater.org](mailto:landscape@sfwater.org) or mail to:

San Francisco Public Utilities Commission  
Landscape Technical Assistance Program  
525 Golden Gate Avenue, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Site Information	
Site Name:	Site Location:
Brief Site Description:	
Total Landscaped Area (sqft or acres):	Total irrigated area (sqft or acres):

Contact Information	
Contact Name:	Phone:
Mailing Address:	Email:
Landscape Maintenance Company (if any):	
Contact Name:	Phone/Email:

Pre-Evaluation Assessment
1. Is the irrigation system automated or manual? <input type="checkbox"/> Automated <input type="checkbox"/> Manual If the system is automated, what type/brand of irrigation controller is used at the site? _____
2. Approximately how old is the irrigation system?
3. Have any components of the irrigation been changed or renovated? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, when? _____
4. What type of plantings do you have at the site (turf, shrubs, trees)?
5. Approximately what percentage of the landscape is: Turf _____% Shrubs _____% Groundcover _____% Other _____%
6. Is any part of the irrigation system turned off because it is broken or leaking? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, what percentage of the total irrigated area is turned off? _____%
7. Are you interested in modifying the landscape and irrigation to improve efficiency? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, has your company taken any steps to prepare for improvements? Please explain:
8. In the next 1-3 years, would you have budget or resources to implement some or all of the improvement? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please explain:
9. Do you currently implement any water conservation measures in your landscape? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please explain:
10. Do you have specific landscape or irrigation issues that you would like to have evaluated? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please explain:
11. Please describe what maintenance procedures are currently implemented?

By typing or signing my name below I certify that I am an individual with the authority to complete this application for free landscape technical assistance. I further certify the information provided in this application and all additional documentation is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and complete. The undersigned further agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the SFPUC, their directors, officers, and employees, against all loss, damage, expense, claims, suits and liability, including attorney's fees resulting from the loss, destruction or damage to property arising out of or in any way connected to the Landscape Technical Assistance Program.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature