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## City of Hailey to Provide Rebates for Turf Removal

(Hailey, Idaho) –

Thanks to a grant from the Idaho Water Resource Board, the City of Hailey will offer rebates for turf removal beginning this spring. Rebates will be based on the square footage of turf removed. Applicants can choose to replace the turf with either drought tolerant plant material (for a standard rebate) or with hardscape (for a premium rebate).

The Wood River Land Trust is a partner in the program, and will provide workshops throughout the summer on drought tolerant landscaping and irrigation techniques. Applicants must attend one workshop to be eligible for a rebate. Patti Lousen, Land Trust Project Coordinator, said, “The need for strategies and education with landscape water conservation and irrigation efficiencies has been growing ever since the Land Trust started the Trout Friendly program ten years ago. It’s a great example of partnership to support the City of Hailey’s rebate program with our goals to keep more water in our aquifer and in the Big Wood River. We greatly value the ability to work together to maintain clean water for drinking, healthy fisheries, and aesthetic landscapes.”

Rebate applications will be available in April via the City of Hailey website and at Hailey City Hall.



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