

Turf to Native Rebate Project Planning Checklist

| Target planting date | Specify no more than a four-week window: Ideal seeding window for buffalograss and blue grama is June 1 to July 31. Ideal seeding window for other mixes is May 1 to September 1. Projects seeded later than July 31 may not be mature enough to pass the post-project inspection the year of planting. |
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| Grass type to be planted | Buffalograss Blue grama grass Buffalograss and blue grama grass mixture El Paso County Conservation District Mixture |
| | Pawnee Buttes Native Prairie Mix Arkansas Valley Douglas County Mix Buffalo Brand Native Prairie Mix Western Native Seed Shortgrass Prairie Grasses Custom native mixture (requires pre-approval) |
| Are their weeds present in the conversion area? | No Yes. Describe how these will be controlled before planting. |



| Vegetation Removal and Soil Preparation | Non-selective herbicide (2 or more applications) with tilling Non-selective herbicide (2 or more applications) with no tilling Non-selective herbicide (2 or more applications) with core aeration (multiple passes so holes are spaced 2-3 inches apart) Remove sod with machinery Sod cutter Hand shovel Other (describe): |
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| Do you plan to till the area? | □ Yes □ No |
| When do you plan to begin vegetation removal and site preparation? | Specify no more than a 3-week window: If non-selective herbicide will be used, vegetation removal should begin 6-8 weeks before the planting date. |
| Planting Method | Drill seeder with native seed agitation box (0.25-0.5 planting depth recommended for most seed) Slit seeder Hand broadcasting with raking or dragging with heavy core aeration Hydroseeding with hydromulch (double the recommended drill seeding rate) Plugs |
| If you plant before the ideal window, which cover crop will you incorporate in your seed mix? Seeding after the ideal window is not recommended. | 5-10% cover crop of mix is recommended. Sterile oats Quickguard triticale Proso millet |



| Irrigation scheduling – who will have primary responsibility of changing the irrigation schedule and monitoring soil moisture on a weekly basis during the germination and establishment period? | Contact name and role: |
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| Weed control – indicate how weeds will be controlled and frequency in which weed control will occur. | Herbicides safe for native grass: Mowing |
| Note: many traditional lawn weed killers are toxic to native grasses. Use products labeled as safe for the grasses to be planted. | Hand pulling |

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Project Manager

Date:

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Contractor

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