

Certification and Training Rebates

Did you know the Greeley Water Conservation Program offers rebates for landscape and irrigation professionals to obtain training and continuing education? Many of these in person classes have moved online due to the current COVID-19 status.

What program is right for me? And what are all the acronyms?

ALCC Associated Landscape Contractors of Colorado

- Colorado's association for landscape professionals
- Offers study materials
- Offers some classes online
- Offers testing either online or at a testing center

NALP National Association of Landscape Professionals

- Provides study materials
- You can take online classes
- Offers online testing

IA Irrigation Association

- Offers some classes
- You can purchase study materials
- You can take an online test

Both IA and NALP offer varying certifications based on your expertise in the industry. When looking at irrigation credentials, we recommend the SLM certification as a good start.

Trainings that would further the mission of water conservation and proper installation, design and care of landscapes and irrigation systems include:

SLM Sustainable Landscape Management through ALCC

Description: This is a four hour class with and test following that covers everything from soils, to plants to irrigation. This course is recommended to give the tech a holistic view of the entire landscape and how each area can affect other areas. This would be recommended as a starting class for all interested existing landscapers as well and those new to the industry. This is a good class for the techs in the field.

Full rebate of \$175 to anyone working in the city of Greeley who can provide proof of taking the class and passing the test. \$175 for the class covers the cost of the handbook.

GreenCo's Best Management Practices

GreenCo's Best Management Practices (BMPs) are guidelines on how to reduce water consumption and protect water quality while producing, designing, installing and maintaining healthy, beautiful landscapes. GreenCo holds BMP training and testing annually during ProGreen Expo, and several times throughout the spring and summer. This is also a good class for new techs in the field.

Full rebate of \$75.00 for GreenCo members or \$150.00 for nonmembers to anyone working in the city of Greeley who can provide proof of taking the class and passing the test. Cost for the class covers the cost of the handbook.

CLT-I Certified Landscape Technician in Irrigation

The CLT-I through NALP, or ALCC. The city of Greeley will rebate full amount of cost upon proof of program acceptance and passing: Up to \$515.00 for members of NALP and ALCC, Up to \$650.00 for non-members of NALP or ALCC.

Fee covers study materials and tests.

CLIA Certified Landscape Irrigation Auditor

This class is recommended for anyone in the irrigation field who designs, installs and maintains irrigation systems to fully understand how proper design, equipment and installation affects maintenance, landscape quality and water conservation.

Online testing

The online testing is available at most university testing sites, at UNC in Greeley, as well as CSU and Front Range Community College in Fort Collins.

Other certifications that the City of Greeley will provide rebates for, after the above certifications have been achieved:

Watershed Wise Landscaping Program –Green Gardener Group (**G3**)

G3's US EPA WaterSense recognized Watershed Wise Landscape Professional Certification (WWLP) qualifies conservation, water quality and landscape professionals to evaluate irrigation systems and factor rainwater use efficiency into outdoor water efficiency analysis.

QWEL

The Qualified Water Efficient Landscaper (QWEL) program is an EPA WaterSense labeled professional certification in irrigation system audits. QWEL is a program of the Sonoma-Marín Saving Water Partnership, and is available through the many organizations that have adopted the program.