



Weather Based Smart Irrigation Controllers



PURPOSE

The intent and purpose of the Smart Irrigation Controller rebate is to help reduce the amount of water used for landscape irrigation, to prevent over watering and improve irrigation efficiency. The USEPA states more than 9 billion gallons of residential outdoor water used each day, mainly for landscape irrigation. In addition, it is estimated that as much as 50 percent of the water is wasted due to overwatering caused by inefficiencies in irrigation methods and systems. The weather based smart irrigation controller is intended to allow irrigation when necessary, prevent irrigation during rain events, or after heavy rain events when irrigation is not needed.

The Weather Based Smart Irrigation Controller rebate policy is available to all residential Winter Park utility customers who currently have a mechanical, or non-weather based smart irrigation controller. Please visit epa.gov/watersense/product-search for more details and a complete product list of qualified Weather Based Smart Irrigation Controllers.

REQUIREMENTS

The following guidelines have been established to qualify Winter Park Utility Customers to receive a Weather Based Smart Irrigation Controller rebate:

- Applies to replacement of existing mechanical, non-weather Based Smart irrigation controllers to customers within the Winter Park utility service area. The rebate program applies to new Standalone, signal or sensor, weather source Smart Irrigation Controllers listed on the USEPA watersense qualified products list with Wi-Fi.
- Applicants must be a current Winter Park Utility Customer to be eligible.
- The customer must provide an original sales receipt or copy of the original sale receipt for the smart controller, to verify the purchase by that customer at that address, one per household (account address). The rebate does not cover the cost of parts or labor for installation.
- The Weather Based Smart Irrigation Controller must be listed on the USEPA watersense approved products list.
- Rebate program is limited to residential customers.
- Winter Park Utilities will take possession of the existing mechanical, non-weather-based irrigation controller in order for the rebate to apply.
- The City may be able to assist with the installation of the smart controllers if the old mechanical, non-weather-based controller is not hard-wired into the electrical panel.
- The City of Winter Park will make an inspection after the installation of the Smart Irrigation Controller for verification purposes.
- Rebate does not apply to new home construction, new irrigation system installations or customers who have an existing Weather Based Smart Irrigation Controller.

REBATE

Provided the applicant meets the criteria listed above, a rebate will be issued as a credit to the account holder's utility bill.

Rebates will be issued up to \$100 for one qualified Weather Based Smart Irrigation Controller installed.

DURATION

The rebate program was established in November 2017 and will continue as long as funding is available. Continuation of the rebate program is based on approval of the Winter Park City Commission. The rebate program is not retroactive.

APPEALS

Any applicant who disputes the decision of the City of Winter Park utilities regarding the eligibility for a rebate must submit their comments in writing to:

City of Winter Park
Gary Heller, Rebate Coordinator
401 S. Park Ave.
Winter Park, FL 32789