



Instructions for Contractors

Owners of properties located in the Saving Water Partnership (SWP) service area may be eligible for standard and custom rebates to upgrade in-ground, automatic irrigation systems. Customers are divided into two groups: 1) single-family residential and 2) commercial and multifamily. Below are instructions and qualifications for each rebate.

To qualify for the Sprinkler System Rebate Program:

- All services and qualified products must be installed on properties within the Saving Water Partnership service area. For a list of participating utilities, see: www.savingwater.org/about_partners.htm.
- All work must be performed by an irrigation or landscape contractor licensed to do business in the state of Washington. For information on licensing, check the Labor & Industries website www.lni.wa.gov, or call 1-800-647-0982.
- Sprinkler System Rebate applications must be submitted within 90 days of the installation and must be received by Seattle Public Utilities no later than December 1, 2010.
- Seattle Public Utilities will verify the installation of all devices before a rebate check is issued.

Industry Certifications

Although advanced certifications are not required to sign rebate applications, the Saving Water Partnership encourages landscape and irrigation contractors to get certified by one of the following professional organizations:

Irrigation Association (IA)

Phone: 703-536-7080; www.irrigation.org

- Certified Irrigation Contractor (CIC)
- Certified Landscape Irrigation Auditor (CLIA)
- Certified Irrigation Designer (CID)

Irrigation Water Management Society (IWMS)

Phone: 206-684-5955; www.iwms.org

- Certified Site Water Planner (CSWP)

Washington Association of Landscape Professionals (WALP)

Phone: 800-833-2186; www.walp.org

- Certified Landscape Technician with irrigation installation and maintenance core (CLT-Ir)

The Saving Water Partnership maintains a voluntary list of local contractors who hold one of the above certifications. The Choosing a Contractor document is provided to customers on www.savingwater.org and through the Natural Lawn & Garden Hotline (206- 684-SAVE). If you would like to be on the list, please contact Jenna Smith at (206) 684-5955 or jenna.smith@seattle.gov.

Rebate #1: Existing Sprinkler Systems

Rebate #1 provides customers up to \$375 to upgrade their existing (installed for at least two years), in-ground automatic sprinkler systems with a rain sensor, soil moisture sensors, conservation controller, or evapotranspiration (ET) controller. Single-family residential, commercial, and multifamily customers are eligible for Rebate #1.

<u>Product</u>	1-6 Zones	7-12 Zones	13-18 Zones	19-24 Zones
Rain Sensor (or on-site weather station added to an ET controller)	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75
Conservation Controller	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Smart Controller (Evapotranspiration (ET) Controller or Soil Moisture Sensor(s) with a Conservation Controller)	\$150	\$200	\$250	\$300

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1. Verify that your customer's property is located within the service area of a participating utility. Visit www.savingwater.org/about_partners.htm to see if the customer qualifies.
2. Verify that your customer has an automatic, in-ground irrigation system that was installed at least two years ago. Only existing, in-ground systems with automatic controllers that operate valves qualify for a rebate.
3. In order for customers to qualify for the rebate, you must conduct a **Three-Point Inspection**, which includes (see the [Service Requirements & Product Specifications](#)):
 - A) Point of Connection:** Inspect for leaks at the Point of Connection (POC) to the customer's main water supply. (A backflow inspection is not required for this rebate.)
 - B) Sprinkler Valves:** Inspect all sprinkler valves.
 - C) Sprinkler Heads:** Inspect all sprinkler heads.
4. As part of the irrigation inspection, identify necessary repairs and possible upgrades needed to ensure that the irrigation system is ready to water efficiently during hot summer weather.
5. After completing the three-point inspection, initial the "Contractor Confirmation" section of the Rebate #1 application and sign to verify completion of the work.
6. If the customer qualifies for the rebate, install a rain sensor and/or upgraded the controller with either a conservation controller, evapotranspiration (ET) controller, or a soil moisture sensor(s) with a Conservation Controller as described in [Service Requirements & Product Specifications](#). The new controller must be completely scheduled prior to the SWP inspection.
7. Provide the customer with itemized invoices that show your business name, address, license number, date of service, product make and model, and cost of all services and products.
8. The customer must sign and date the application and send it within 90 days of the installation to the address on the application, along with copies of all invoices. The completed application must be received no later than December 1, 2010.
9. The customer must keep their old controller for inspection. SWP will call the customer to verify upgrades before a rebate check is issued.

Rebate #2: New Sprinkler Systems

Rebate #2 provides customers up to \$375 to install an evapotranspiration (ET) controller and a rain sensor or a soil moisture sensor(s) with a conservation controller with a new (installed within the past two years) in-ground sprinkler system. Both single-family residential and commercial/multifamily customers are eligible for Rebate #2.

<u>Product</u>	1-6 Zones	7-12 Zones	13-18 Zones	19-24 Zones
Evapotranspiration (ET) Controller with Rain Sensor or Soil Moisture Sensor(s) with Conservation Controller	\$225	\$275	\$325	\$375

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1. Verify that your customer's property is located within the service area of a participating utility. Visit www.savingwater.org/about_partners.htm to see if the customer qualifies.
2. Install an evapotranspiration (ET) controller and rain sensor or soil moisture sensor(s) with a conservation controller with the installation of a new or less than two years old, automatic in-ground sprinkler system. For product specifications, see the [Service Requirements & Product Specifications](#). The new controller must be completely scheduled before the SWP inspection.
3. After completing the installation of the new sprinkler system with the rebated technologies, initial the "Contractor Confirmation" section of the Rebate #2 application. Sign it to verify completion of the work, and provide the customer with itemized invoices that show your business name, address, license number, date of service, product make and model, and cost of all services and products.
4. The customer must sign and date the application and send it within 90 days of the product installation to the address on the application, along with copies of all invoices. The completed application must be received no later than December 1, 2010.
5. SWP will call the customer to schedule an inspection before a rebate check is issued.

Rebate #3: Commercial & Multifamily Properties

Owners of commercial and multifamily properties located in the Saving Water Partnership service area are eligible for rebates when they upgrade existing (installed at least two years ago), in-ground sprinkler systems with the following irrigation control technologies:

Irrigation Control

Product	1-6 Zones	7-12 Zones	13-18 Zones	19-24 Zones	25+ Zones
Rain Sensor (or on-site weather station added to an ET controller)	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75
Conservation Controller	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Smart Controller (Evapotranspiration (ET) Controller or Soil Moisture Sensor(s) with Conservation Controller)	\$150	\$200	\$250	\$300	\$350

Irrigation System

Product	1-6 Zones	7-12 Zones	13-18 Zones	19-24 Zones	25+ Zones
Flow Sensor with Compatible Controller and Pressure Regulating Master Valve	\$1,250	\$1,300	\$1,350	\$1,400	\$1,450
Pressure Regulating Master Valve	\$300	\$325	\$350	\$375	\$400

Product	Rebate Amount
Pressure Regulating Zone Valve	\$175
Retrofit Pressure Regulator on Master or Zone Valve	\$75
Retrofit High DU Rotary Nozzles	\$5 per head
Spray Heads with Pressure Regulation and/or Check Valves	\$10 per head
Rotor Heads with Pressure Regulation and/or Check Valves	\$20 per head
Convert Beds with In-Ground Systems to Drip and Micro-Sprinklers	\$200 per 1,000 sq ft

Rebate #3 Instructions for the Contractor

1. Verify that your customer's property is located within the service area of a participating utility. Visit www.savingwater.org/about_partners.htm to see if the customer qualifies.
2. Verify that your customer has an automatic in-ground irrigation system installed at least two years ago. Only in-ground systems with automatic controllers that operate valves qualify for a rebate.
3. Identify necessary repairs and possible upgrades. Install the products approved by the customer for the rebate according to manufacturers' specifications (see the [Service Requirements & Product Specifications](#)). Note that new controllers must be completely scheduled prior to the SWP inspection. Free scheduling tools are available at www.iwms.org/calculators.htm.
4. Complete pages 2 - 4 of the rebate application; sign the application.
5. Provide the customer with *itemized* invoices that show your business name, address, contractor license number, date of service, the make and model of all products, and costs of all services and products.
6. The customer must send in the application within 90 days of the installation to the address on the application, along with copies of all invoices. The completed application must be received by Seattle Public Utilities no later than December 1, 2010.
7. The customer must keep the old hardware, including controllers and sprinkler heads, for inspection. SWP will call the customer to schedule an inspection of their irrigation system upgrades before a rebate check is issued.

Custom Rebates: For Commercial & Multifamily Properties

In addition to the standard rebates described above, owners of commercial and multifamily properties may also qualify for custom rebates for extensive upgrades to existing, in-ground sprinkler system. Custom rebates may cover up to 50 percent of the total project costs for major improvements that result in dependable, consistent water savings. The amount of the financial incentive is based on the amount of water saved, project costs, and the availability of funding. Before any work begins, call Jenna Smith at 206-684-5955 for a free consultation.