

Smart Irrigation Controller Replacements - \$150 Rebate Program



If you have an efficient, well maintained in-ground irrigation system, and are considering purchasing a smart controller, you may be eligible for a Smart Irrigation Controller rebate. The City of Madera is making it easier to save money on the purchase of a smart irrigation controller with a rebate credit of up to \$150 when you purchase an EPA WaterSense certified smart irrigation controller. Smart irrigation controllers automatically adjust their watering schedule according to the weather conditions to provide optimal moisture for healthy plants and lawns.

The City of Madera recommends that you work with a license landscape professional to install a smart controller. Proper installation and setup may require knowledge of soil, plants and other factors. Smart irrigation controllers purchased must be capable to be set for the City of Madera's scheduled water days. A pre-installation audit of your current irrigation system by the City of Madera may be required. For more information about EPA WaterSense certified smart controllers, visit: http://www.epa.gov/WaterSense/product_search.html.

APPLICATIONS: Available from the City of Madera Public Work's Department: 661-5466;

email: lmcpherson@cityofmadera.com; Public Works Office at 1030 S. Gateway Dr., or www.cityofmadera.org

REBATE PROCESS

- 1. <u>Do not purchase your smart irrigation controller until</u> you have verified that you meet the rebate criteria listed in Rebate Program Guidelines & Conditions.
- 2. Provide the Water Conservation Rebate Program your preliminary application at the Public Works Office and ask for a determination if a pre-installation inspection of your irrigation system will be required for your property prior to purchasing the controller, or if preliminary eligibility can be approved so that you can purchase the controller.
- 3. If a pre-inspection is required, schedule it with the Water Conservation Rebate Program.
- 4. Once you receive eligibility approval, purchase an EPA WaterSense certified unit and submit the application along with a copy of an itemized purchase receipt and your recent Madera City utility bill.
- 5. You will be notified if a post installation inspection is required.
- 6. The Rebate will be credited to your utility bill account after final inspection and/or approval.

IMPORTANT MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

A pre-inspection of your irrigation system may be required.

- Site must have an efficient, well maintained in-ground irrigation system compatible with a smart controller. (e.g., no line breaks, pressure issues, etc.)
- Site must have a fully operational conventional controller(s).
- No mixed hydrozones (turf and non-turf areas on separate valves).
- All valves must be fully operational at the time of the pre-installation survey
- Smart controllers must be installed with a rain sensor unless the controller model installed includes an onsite weather component
- Smart controller must have ability to be set to City of Madera water schedule.
- Rebate are available as of July 16, 2015; rebates are not available for purchases made prior to this date.

Smart Irrigation Controller Rebate Guidelines and Conditions

Requirements

- See Important Minimum Requirements on previous page.
- All projects must be completed within 60 days of the date of your eligibility approval.

Who Qualifies:

- Rebate are available to City of Madera water customers or landlords of property serviced by City of Madera Water Division.
- Limit one rebate utility billing account. Renters or tenants must provide written approval from the property owner or property manager.
- New construction or irrigation systems do not qualify for rebates.

Application and Rebate Approval or Denial:

- Smart Irrigation Controller must be installed at approved service location listed on the customer's City of Madera's utility bill account.
- Incomplete, incorrect or unsigned applications cannot be processed and will be returned.
- By submitting this application you are agreeing to verification inspections to be eligible for the rebate.
- Customers must fulfill all program guidelines to be eligible for rebates.
- The utility account must be current and non-delinguent for a rebate to be approved.
- This rebate is available starting July 16, 2015. Retroactive rebates are not available.

Rebates:

- Rebate credit amount up to \$150.
- The City is not responsible for materials lost by mail.
- Submission or possession of a rebate application does not guarantee receiving a rebate.
- Rebates are processed on a first come, first served basis and funding is limited to available resources. This program shall at all times be subject to change or termination without prior notice.
- The City is not responsible for product performance or water savings. No warranty or guarantee of the products used or any vendor is implied or provided.
- Rebate amounts will be credited to the customer utility billing account after completing the rebate process.
- The Controller must be maintained in good working order for a minimum of 36 months. Removal of the equipment or
 failure to keep it in working order will cause a default of the rebate credit up to \$150 and the assessment of up to
 \$150 penalty.