



Water Conservation

Automatic Irrigation Controller / Timer Rebate Program

An irrigation controller/timer operates the watering cycle on your irrigation system by automatically turning the control valves on and off at preselected times. It controls when, how long, and how often the irrigation system runs based on the programmed schedule. An irrigation controller, which possesses appropriate features and is properly scheduled, can keep your plants healthy and result in significant water savings and lower water bills.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The intent of the rebate program is to reduce the over-watering of yards or landscapes, thereby creating a permanent reduction in the amount of water applied to landscapes.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Rebates of \$50.00 are available to single family residential properties that are Chandler utility customers and meet the program qualifications and requirements stated below.

REQUIREMENTS

- The irrigation controller must be electrically activated and purchased on or after November, 1, 1990 to qualify.
- A property will only be eligible to receive this rebate once.
- The rebate will be issued for underground irrigation systems only.
- The automatic controller shall be electrically activated (no battery controlled).
- An atmospheric or pressurized anti-siphon valve(s) must be installed according to City Code. For information on the City Code call 480-782-3100.
- A permit is required for installation of underground irrigation systems. Contact Development Services at 215 E. Buffalo Street from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Permit fee is \$22.00, which will be reimbursed.
- The automatic irrigation control rebate will require an inspection by a City building inspector. After verification that the timer has been installed correctly, the rebate will be issued.
- Contact the Water Conservation Specialist at 480-782-3580 to schedule an appointment for an inspection for the rebate.
- Receipt of purchase must be submitted.

Recommended Controller Features:

- At least three (3) programs/stations
- Multiple start times
- Run times from one (1) minute to several hours
- Odd/even, weekly and interval program capabilities (up to 14+ days)
- "Off," "Auto," and "Manual" operation modes (without disturbing programming)
- 365 day calendar, adjusted for leap year
- Rain shut-off or moisture sensor capability
- Water budget/percent feature from 0 – 200%
- Battery back-up and/or non-volatile memory
- Diagnostic circuitry to notify homeowner when a station has shorted or power failure has occurred
- Trees, shrubs, etc., should be connected to different valves on the irrigation system so the controller can run different watering schedules for each type of vegetation.

Watering during the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. is not recommended due to increased evaporation.

GETTING STARTED

Contact the Water Conservation office by calling 480-782-3580 or by visiting the Chandler water conservation web site at chandleraz.gov/water.