

Water Smart

Did you know that residential outdoor water use in the United States accounts for more than 9 billion gallons of water each day? Most of that is for landscape irrigation. Experts estimate that as much as 50% of this water is wasted due to over-watering caused by inefficiencies in irrigation methods and systems. Are you wasting water? If you don't know than the answer is probably yes!

If you have an irrigation system consider looking into Water Sense labeled irrigation controllers. These irrigation controllers act like a thermostat for your sprinkler system. They are able to tell your sprinkler system when to turn on and off, and they use local weather and landscape conditions to tailor watering schedules to actual conditions at your home. Instead of irrigating using a controller with a clock and a preset schedule, Water Sense labeled controllers allow watering schedules to better match plants' water needs. By replacing your old standard irrigation clock timer with a Water Sense labeled irrigation controller the average home could save nearly 8,800 gallons of water annually. If every home in the United States with an automatic sprinkler system installed and properly operated a Water Sense labeled controller, we could save 120 billion gallons of water across the country just by simply not over-watering lawns and landscapes. In our region, that equals to more water in the Clackamas River for fish and other aquatic life. Let us help you save water and money.

Ways to save water outside with CRWP Outdoor Rebates

Clackamas River Water Providers is committed to helping our customers do whatever they can to use their water more efficiently. We offer six water use rebates worth up to \$485 in combined value. This includes a number of ways to save water outdoors:

- A rebate for up to \$200 for an EPA WaterSense Labeled Irrigation Controller, go [here](#) for a list of qualifying Water Sense labeled controllers
- Up to \$60 (or 20 nozzles at \$3 dollars each) if you change your old irrigation spray nozzles to new more water efficient multi-stream rotating nozzles,
- Up to \$25 each for hose bib timers and/or an irrigation rain switch

These rebates are available on a first-come, first-served basis until the program funds are depleted. Customers can take advantage of each rebate one time per account per fiscal year.

Visit the rebate page on our website for details about each of the rebates, the eligibility requirements, or to download a copy of the rebate brochure and application, or to submit your rebate application on line. For more information please contact Christine at **(503) 723-3511**.