



*Saving Water Partnership*

*Seattle and Participating Area Water Utilities*

## Information for Participating 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 the rebate program qualifications, followed by detailed instructions on how to apply for each rebate.

For information on utilities that participate in Saving Water Partnership rebate programs, see: [www.savingwater.org/about\\_partners.htm](http://www.savingwater.org/about_partners.htm).

### Rebate Program Qualifications

- To qualify for the Sprinkler System Rebate Program, the work must be done by an irrigation contractor licensed by the State of Washington. For information on licensing, check the Labor & Industries website [www.lni.wa.gov](http://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, 2005.
- For each rebate, Seattle Public Utilities will verify installation of all devices before a rebate check is issued.

### Industry Certifications

Landscape and irrigation contractors are encouraged to be certified by the **Irrigation Association** or the **Washington Association of Landscape Professionals**, and to participate in a **Saving Water Partnership** rebate program training seminars. Contact information for each of these programs is provided below:

#### **Irrigation Association (IA)**

Phone: 703-536-7080; Web: [www.irrigation.org](http://www.irrigation.org)

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

#### **Washington Association of Landscape Professionals (WALP)**

Phone: 800-833-2186; Web: [www.walp.org](http://www.walp.org)

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

#### **Saving Water Partnership (SWP)**

Phone: 206-684-5955; Web: [www.savingwater.org](http://www.savingwater.org)

- Rebate Program Training Seminars

Contractors certified as an Irrigation Association Certified Landscape Irrigation Auditor (CLIA), an IA Certified Irrigation Contractor (CIC), or a Washington Association of Landscape Professionals Certified Landscape Technician (CLT-Ir), and who have attend a Saving Water Partnership rebate program training, are qualified to have their name and company listed on [www.savingwater.org](http://www.savingwater.org) and to be referenced by the Natural Lawn & Garden Hotline, (206) 684-SAVE.

## Rebate #1: For Existing Sprinkler Systems

Rebate #1 provides customers up to \$450 to upgrade their existing in-ground automatic sprinkler systems (installed prior to 6/18/2003) with a rain sensor, soil moisture sensors, conservation controller, or evapotranspiration (ET) controller. Both single-family residential and commercial/multifamily customers are eligible for Rebate #1.

### Rebate #1 Amounts

Rebate #1 for Upgrades of Existing Sprinkler Systems*				
Product	1-6 Zones	7-12 Zones	13-18 Zones	19-24 Zones
Rain Sensor	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Conservation Controller	\$150	\$200	\$250	\$300
ET Controller	\$200	\$250	\$300	\$350
Soil Moisture Sensors with Compatible Controller	\$300	\$350	\$400	\$450

\*NOTE: All rebates for existing systems require a Three-Point Inspection.

### Rebate #1 Instructions for the Contractor

1. Verify that your customer's residential, single-family property is located within the service area of a participating utility. See [www.savingwater.org/about\\_partners.htm](http://www.savingwater.org/about_partners.htm) or call the Natural Lawn and Garden Hotline at 206-633-0224 to see if the customer qualifies.
2. Verify that your customer has an underground, automatic irrigation system installed before June 18, 2003. Only existing in-ground systems with automatic controllers that operate valves qualify for a rebate.
3. Schedule an appointment with the customer for a Three-Point Inspection of their irrigation system, including an evaluation of the rain sensor and controller. If the customer has no rain sensor, or if either the rain sensor or existing controller does not meet the Saving Water Partnership's minimum specifications, then the customer is eligible for a rebate when these items are upgraded. See: [www.savingwater.org/docs/Service Requirements & Product Specifications.pdf](http://www.savingwater.org/docs/Service_Requirements_&_Product_Specifications.pdf).
4. If the customer qualifies for the rebate and desires the new equipment, install a rain sensor and/or upgraded controller. At the customer's direction, install either a conservation controller, evapotranspiration (ET) controller, or soil moisture sensors with a compatible controller as described in the [Service Requirements & Product Specifications](http://www.savingwater.org/docs/Service_Requirements_&_Product_Specifications.pdf).
5. When the three-point inspection, rain sensor, soil moisture sensor, and/or controller installation are complete, ask the customer to complete the application at the bottom of Rebate #1: For Existing Sprinkler Systems: [http://www.savingwater.org/docs/Rebate 1 Existing Systems.pdf](http://www.savingwater.org/docs/Rebate_1_Existing_Systems.pdf).
6. The contractor must initial the "Contractor Confirmation" section of the application, sign it to verify completion of the work, and provide the customer itemized receipts that show the contractor's business name, address, and state license number, plus the make, model and the cost of all services and products purchased.
7. The customer must then 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 receipts, to be received no later than December 1, 2005. The customer's receipt must show the contractor's business name, address, license number, date of service, model and cost of all services and products purchased.
8. The customer must keep their old controller for utility inspection. The utility will call the customer to schedule a verification inspection of their old controller and upgraded sprinkler system before a rebate check is issued.

## Rebate #2: For New Sprinkler Systems

Rebate #2 provides customers \$50 to include an evapotranspiration (ET) controller or soil moisture sensors with a compatible controller with the installation of a new in-ground sprinkler system. Both single-family residential and commercial/multifamily customers are eligible for Rebate #2.

### Rebate #2 Amounts

Rebate for New Sprinkler Systems	
Product	
Evapotranspiration (ET) Controller	\$50
Soil Moisture Sensors with Compatible Controller	\$50

### Rebate #2 Instructions for the Contractor

1. Verify that your customer's residential, single-family property is located within the service area of a participating utility. See [www.savingwater.org/about\\_partners.htm](http://www.savingwater.org/about_partners.htm) or call the Natural Lawn and Garden Hotline at 206-633-0224 to see if the customer qualifies.
2. Include a rain sensor and evapotranspiration (ET) controller or soil moisture sensors with a compatible controller with the installation of a new, automatic underground sprinkler system. See [Service Requirements & Product Specifications](#).
3. When the installation of the new sprinkler system with ET controller or soil moisture sensors with a compatible controller is complete, ask the customer to fill out the application at the bottom of [Rebate #2: For New Sprinkler Systems](#).
4. The contractor must initial the "Contractor Confirmation" section of the application, sign it to verify completion of the work, and provide the customer itemized receipts that show the contractor's business name, address, state license number, date of service, plus the make, model and the cost of all services and products purchased.
5. The customer must then 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 receipts, to be received no later than December 1, 2005.
6. The utility will then call the customer to schedule a verification inspection of the new sprinkler system with ET controller or soil moisture sensors with compatible controller before a rebate check is issued.

## Rebate #3: For 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 in-ground sprinkler systems with advanced irrigation control technologies. Products covered include rain sensors, soil moisture sensors, conservation controllers, weather-based controllers, flow sensors, pressure reducing valves, rotary nozzles, pressure regulating heads, check valves, and converting permanent beds to drip irrigation. All rebates require installation by a landscape or irrigation contractor licensed to do business in Washington.

In addition to the standard rebates described below, owners of commercial and multifamily properties may also qualify for custom rebates designed for landscapes requiring extensive upgrades to existing in-ground systems. Custom rebates can cover up to 50% of 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. Custom rebates are discussed individually with each site's owner. For custom rebates, before any work begins call Jenna Smith at 206-684-5955 for a free consultation.

## Rebate #3 Amounts

### Irrigation Control

Product	1-6 Zones	7-12 Zones	13-18 Zones	19-24 Zones	25+ Zones
Rain Sensor	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Conservation Controller	\$150	\$200	\$250	\$300	\$350
Evapotranspiration (ET) Controller	\$200	\$250	\$300	\$350	\$400
Soil Moisture Sensors with Compatible Controller	\$300	\$350	\$400	\$450	\$500

### 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
Pressure Regulating Spray Heads with Check Valves	\$10 per head
Rotor Heads with 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 commercial or multifamily property is located in the service area of a participating utility. For service area information see [www.savingwater.org/about\\_partners.htm](http://www.savingwater.org/about_partners.htm) or call the Natural Lawn and Garden Hotline at 206-633-0224.
2. Verify that your customer has an underground, automatic irrigation system installed before June 18, 2003. Only existing in-ground systems with automatic controllers that operate valves qualify for a rebate.
3. Schedule an appointment with the customer to conduct a thorough inspection of their irrigation system.
4. Assist customer in creating water budget and watering schedule. Your customer will need to obtain a few years of water use history for their property, determine the cost of water for the site, and calculate their water budget and watering schedule utilizing the free online calculators provided by The Irrigation Water Management Society: [www.iwms.org](http://www.iwms.org).
5. Conduct inspection and complete Irrigation System Assessment & Rebate Qualification as described in the application form for Rebate #3: For Commercial & Multifamily Properties: [http://www.savingwater.org/docs/Rebate\\_3\\_Commercial\\_Multifamily.pdf](http://www.savingwater.org/docs/Rebate_3_Commercial_Multifamily.pdf)
6. If the customer qualifies for rebates and agrees to recommended upgrades, install products approved for the rebate according to manufacturers' specifications. For product specifications see: [www.savingwater.org/docs/Service\\_Requirements\\_&\\_Product\\_Specifications.pdf](http://www.savingwater.org/docs/Service_Requirements_&_Product_Specifications.pdf).
7. The installer must sign under "Contractor or On-Site Landscape Manager" to verify completion of the work, and must provide the customer itemized receipts that show the contractor's business name, address, and state license number, plus the make, model and the cost of all services and products purchased.
8. The customer must then 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 receipts, to be received by Seattle Public Utilities no later than December 1, 2005.
9. The customer must keep their old controller for utility inspection. The utility will schedule a verification inspection of their old controller and upgraded sprinkler system before a rebate check is issued.