

## 2024 WaterSense Residential Irrigation Controller Rebate Information

Effective January 1, 2024

### Program Steps:

1. Purchase an EPA WaterSense certified Wi-Fi irrigation controller for your underground automatic irrigation system. Only controllers on the WaterSense list at [http://www.epa.gov/WaterSense/product\\_search.html](http://www.epa.gov/WaterSense/product_search.html) are eligible for the rebate. The rebate is for the cost of the controller up to \$200, excluding taxes, shipping and installation costs. Hose tap timers are not eligible as an irrigation controller.
2. Install the new Wi-Fi irrigation controller, check the underground irrigation system and take a photo of the installed controller.
3. To apply for the rebate:
  - a. For faster processing, fill out the online rebate form on <https://waterforms.thorntonco.gov/>.
  - b. If you prefer to fill out the paper form and mail or email it, print, and complete the [Residential Water Efficiency Rebate Form](#).
  - c. Include the following documents:
    - i. Signed Affidavit
    - ii. Photocopy of driver's license or other legal identification
    - iii. Photocopy of receipt (must include brand and model, price and date of purchase)
    - iv. Photo of installed controller (photos can also be shown from a cell phone in person or e-mailed)
    - v. [IRS W-9\\*](#)

*\*Tax Notice:* All HOA and/or landlord rebates will require submittal of a W-9 form to the city of Thornton. All personal information provided within the W-9 is kept confidential in accordance with the Privacy Act. The determination of whether your rebate is taxable or not may depend on several variables. We recommend contacting your tax professional.

- d. E-mail to [Water@ThorntonWater.com](mailto:Water@ThorntonWater.com) or mail or schedule an appointment to bring in the completed application to:  
City of Thornton  
Infrastructure Maintenance Center  
12450 Washington Street  
Thornton, CO 80241

If approved, the rebate credit for the cost of the irrigation controller up to \$200 will be applied to your utility bill approximately two months after the application is received. City staff will notify you if the application does not meet program requirements. Thank you for considering the installation of a smart irrigation controller! Please visit [ThorntonWater.com](http://ThorntonWater.com) for more ways to save water.

Questions? Contact 720-977-6600 or email [Water@ThorntonWater.com](mailto:Water@ThorntonWater.com)

## 2024 WaterSense Irrigation Controller Rebate Rules and Eligibility

- ◆ The program applies to WaterSense certified Wi-Fi irrigation controllers purchased in 2023 and 2024. Hose tap timers are not eligible for an irrigation controller rebate.
- ◆ The Wi-Fi irrigation controller must be installed in a residence located within the city of Thornton water service area.
- ◆ Participants must have current, non-delinquent accounts as City of Thornton water customers or accounts that receive Thornton water. Sewer only customers are not eligible.
- ◆ A photograph of the new, installed Wi-Fi irrigation controller must accompany the rebate application.
- ◆ The Wi-Fi irrigation controller must be connected to an underground automatic sprinkler system.
- ◆ A legible, itemized copy of the sales receipt must accompany the rebate application.
- ◆ Incomplete applications and those without a copy of the purchase receipt(s) and required photographs will be denied.
- ◆ Participants must provide proof of their lawful presence in the United States according to provisions of Colorado Law (Immigration Law, HB 06S-1023). Under the law, anyone 18 years of age or older must prove lawful presence in the United States in order to receive non-emergency public benefits. This applies to city of Thornton rebates. In order to prove lawful presence in the United States, you must produce a valid Colorado driver's license or other valid form of identification. This information will remain confidential. In addition, participants must sign an affidavit either: (1) you are a United States citizen; or (2) you are a legal permanent resident of the United States; or (3) you are otherwise lawfully present in the United States pursuant to federal law. The affidavit is included in the rebate application.
- ◆ The name on the rebate application must match the name of the Utility Billing account and identification.
- ◆ Site may be subject to inspection by city of Thornton staff, which will be scheduled prior to rebate being issued to the account.
- ◆ Rebates are offered on a first-come, first-served basis and are subject to the availability of funds.
- ◆ A rebate of the cost of the Wi-Fi irrigation controller up to \$200, taxes and installation costs excluded, will be credited to the customer's account for the installation of a new, qualifying WaterSense certified Wi-Fi irrigation controller. Hose tap timers are not eligible for an irrigation controller rebate.
- ◆ If purchasing a Rain Bird ESP-, you will need to purchase the Wi-Fi LNK to make the controller a smart controller and qualify for the rebate. The Link is not included in the rebate credit or the cost of the controller and a photo on the LNK will need to be submitted.
- ◆ Irrigation controller rebates are limited to one per household per 10 years.
- ◆ Pre-owned, leased irrigation controllers or controllers that were free are not eligible for rebates. (E-Bay and Craigslist purchases do not qualify.)
- ◆ Both existing and newly built homes are eligible for the irrigation controller rebate.
- ◆ New homes installed with an irrigation controller from the builder, are not eligible for the rebate.