

## 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.
2. Qualifying water customers are eligible for a rebate of up to \$200, *excluding taxes, shipping, and installation costs*. 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. Hose tap timers are not eligible for this rebate.
3. Install the new Wi-Fi irrigation controller, check the underground irrigation system, and take a photo of the installed controller.
4. To apply for the rebate:
  - a. For faster processing, fill out the online rebate form at <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](#) and 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 emailed)
    - v. [IRS W-9<sup>1</sup>](#)
  - c. Email 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, *excluding taxes, shipping, and installation costs*, will be applied to your utility bill approximately two months after the application is received. City staff will notify you if the application fails to meet program requirements.

Thank you for considering installing 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)

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<sup>1</sup> *Tax Notice:* All HOA and/or landlord rebates will require submitting a W-9 form to Thornton. All personal information provided within the W-9 is kept confidential under the Privacy Act. The determination of whether your rebate is taxable or not may depend on several variables. We recommend contacting your tax professional.

## **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.
- ◆ For the installation of a new, qualifying WaterSense-certified Wi-Fi irrigation controller, a rebate of up to \$200, taxes and installation costs excluded, will be credited to the customer's account.
  - If you purchase a Rain Bird ESP-, you must buy 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 of the link will need to be submitted.
- ◆ The Wi-Fi irrigation controller must be connected to an underground automatic sprinkler system. Hose tap timers are not eligible for an irrigation controller rebate.
- ◆ The irrigation controller must be on [http://www.epa.gov/watersense/product\\_search.html](http://www.epa.gov/watersense/product_search.html).
- ◆ Irrigation controller rebates are limited to one per household per 10 years.
- ◆ The Wi-Fi irrigation controller must be installed in a residence in the Thornton water service area.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Pre-owned, leased, or free irrigation controllers are not eligible for rebates. (E-Bay and Craigslist purchases do not qualify.)
- ◆ Participants must be current, non-delinquent Thornton water customers or accounts that receive Thornton water. Sewer-only customers are not eligible.
- ◆ 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 or older must prove lawful presence in the United States to receive non-emergency public benefits. This applies to the City of Thornton rebates. 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 of Lawful Presence in the U.S. The affidavit is included in the rebate application.
- ◆ The name on the rebate application should match the name and identification of the utility billing account.
- ◆ 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. The photo can be on a cell phone for staff to view if you bring your application in or email it to [Water@ThorntonWater.com](mailto:Water@ThorntonWater.com).
- ◆ Thornton staff may inspect the site, which will be scheduled before the rebate is issued to the account.
- ◆ A photograph of the new, installed Wi-Fi irrigation controller must accompany the rebate application.
- ◆ Rebates are offered on a first-come, first-served basis and are subject to the availability of funds.