



**2026 WaterSense
Residential Irrigation Controller
Rebate Information and Rules**

Effective January 1, 2026



Program Steps:

1. Purchase an EPA WaterSense-certified Wi-Fi irrigation controller for your automatic underground 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 qualify 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. Photocopy of receipt (must include brand and model, price, and date of purchase)
 - ii. Photo of installed controller (photos can also be shown from a cell phone in person or emailed)
 - c. Email to Water@ThorntonWater.com, 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, a rebate credit for the cost of the irrigation controller, up to \$200, *excluding taxes, shipping, and installation*, will be applied to your utility bill approximately 2 months after the application is received. Thornton Water 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 for more ways to save water.

Questions? Contact 720-977-6600 or email Water@ThorntonWater.com



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- The program applies to WaterSense-certified Wi-Fi irrigation controllers purchased in **2025** and **2026**. 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 controller cost, 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 EPA WaterSense-certified and listed at 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 a builder-provided irrigation controller 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.
- 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.
- 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.