

## River Friendly Landscape Program Smart Irrigation Controller Rebate Application

Smart irrigation controllers act like a thermostat for your sprinkler system to automatically tailor watering schedules and run times on sprinklers or drip systems. Smart controllers either are sensor based and use real-time measurements of weather information and site conditions (e.g., soil type, plant type and slope), or are signal based and regularly receive data from local weather stations via the internet. Currently, only [EPA Watersense-labeled smart irrigation controllers](#) are eligible for the City's rebate and can save an average home up to 15,000 of water annually.

*All fields marked with an asterisk are required.*

Applicant Name\*

Property Address\*  
Street Address\*

City\*

State\*

Zip Code\*

Is your Mailing Address different from your Property Address? \*

Yes

No

**Important: This is where DOU will mail the final rebate check**

Mailing Address \*  
Street Address \*

City \*

State \*

Zip Code\*

Phone Number\*

Email Address\*

City of Sacramento Water Account #

**To be eligible, you must:**

1. Be receiving City of Sacramento water service at the property.
2. Be the property owner or bill-paying tenant with written consent from the property owner.

**Rebate Amounts for Single-Family and Duplexes:**

- Up to \$400 to install an EPA WaterSense-labeled smart irrigation controller.
- Reimbursement will be provided for materials necessary to complete the actual upgrade, not for optional materials or equipment.
- Labor costs by a licensed landscaping contractor (C-27) of up to \$150 to install and program the smart irrigation controller may be included as a reimbursable expense.

**Rebate Amounts for Multi-Family and Businesses:**

- Up to \$700 for installing each WaterSense-labeled smart irrigation controller (\$25/irrigation station or \$400 minimum).
- Reimbursement will be provided for materials necessary to complete the actual upgrade, not for optional materials or equipment.
- Labor costs by a licensed landscaping contractor (C-27) of up to \$500 to install and program the smart irrigation controller may be included as a reimbursable expense.

**Residential customers who are also customers of the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) may purchase a smart irrigation controller from the SMUD Energy Store for an instant discount. However, the total reimbursable amount shall not exceed the maximum rebate amounts of \$400 for single-family and duplex customers and \$700 for multi-family customers.**

Who is completing this application?\*

Property Owner

Property Manager

Property Renter

Contractor

Other (Please specify)

**Note:** Photo(s) of your current irrigation controller(s) must be included and submitted with this application. Applicant's irrigation system needs to be in proper working order, determined by Water Conservation Staff to receive rebate.

Did you buy a WaterSense-labeled smart irrigation controller from the SMUD Energy Store?\*

Yes

No

If yes, please upload a photo or copy of your SMUD Energy Store purchase confirmation.\*

Have you installed the smart irrigation controller?\*

Yes

No

If yes, please upload photo(s) of your installed controller and photos or document(s) of your labor and material expenses.\*

How did you hear about the City's Rebate programs?\*

If other, specify here:

### Program Checklist

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Terms and Conditions for the City's Smart Controller rebate and SMUD Smart Controller Instant Discount (if applicable) on pages 5-6 of this application or online using the links below.\*

Smart Controller Rebate [Terms and Conditions](#)

SMUD Instant Rebate [Terms and Conditions](#)

I acknowledge that as a recipient of the instant rebate amount of up to \$150 from SMUD Energy Store, I can receive up to \$250 for submitting other related expenses, including labor costs by a licensed landscaping contractor (C-27) (if applicable)\*.

I understand, the irrigation system needs to be in proper working order, as determined by Water Conservation Staff, to receive the rebate.\*

I understand I must have a post-inspection conducted by Water Conservation staff after installation of my smart controller to receive the rebate.\*

### Steps to Proceed

1. Read through [Frequently Asked Questions about Smart Irrigation Controllers](#).
2. Complete and submit the application. Make sure to include pictures of your old controller(s).
3. Wait for approval from Water Conservation Staff before beginning your project.
4. Your project must be completed within 120 days of your approval date and you must submit your itemized receipts or invoices with a photo of your completed project.
5. Water Conservation Staff will conduct a post-inspection prior to issuing your rebate.

**Rebate Agreement - Release of Liability**

The City of Sacramento Department of Utilities (City) may deny any application that does not meet all of the Program requirements, which are set forth in the Program Terms and Conditions. The City reserves the right to alter the Program Terms and Conditions at any time, with no notice other than posting the Program requirements on the City website. The applicant agrees to allow the City to inspect the property before and after the project is undertaken. The City does not warrant or guarantee that the applicant will experience lower water bills as a result of participating in the Program.

The City is not responsible for any damage that may occur to participant’s property as a result of the Program. The applicant agrees to indemnify the City, and its directors, officers, and employees, and to hold each of them harmless from and against all loss, damage, expense and liability resulting from or otherwise relating to his or her participation in the Program. By handwriting or electronically printing your name and signature you agree to the Rebate Agreement and thereby certifying that you have read, understand, and agree to the Rebate Agreement – Release of Liability and Terms and Conditions of this Program.

**First Name**

**Last Name**

**Signature**

**Date**

**Smart Irrigation Controller Rebate and**  
**SMUD Smart Irrigation Controller Instant Discount**  
**Terms and Conditions**

I understand that, as a Participant receiving City of Sacramento water service, I am eligible to receive a rebate for a smart irrigation controller not exceeding \$400 as single-family/duplex customer and \$700 as a multi-family/business customer.

Reimbursement will be provided by the City for materials necessary to complete the upgrade, not for optional materials or equipment. Labor costs by a licensed landscaping contractor (C-27) of up to \$150 for single-family/duplex customers and up to \$500 for multi-family/business customers may also be included as a reimbursable expense.

If I am a residential customer of the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD), then I may purchase a smart irrigation controller from the SMUD Energy Store for an instant discount and then apply for a City rebate, using that receipt.

**Applicable Conditions:**

1. I understand that (1) this is a limited, first-come, first-served program, (2) rebates are only given for projects which have applications that are approved, (3) the City can deny any application that does not meet program requirements (which may change without notification), and (4) rebates are not applicable to, and will not be provided for, any work or conversion performed prior to my enrollment in the rebate program.
2. I am responsible for completing the retrofit project within 120 days of receiving approval to proceed from the City's Water Conservation Staff. I may install it myself or hire a contractor to do the work. In either case, the City is not responsible or liable for any damage to my lawn or property in any way connected to the retrofit project.
3. I understand that if my project will take longer than 120 days, I must submit a request for extension via mail or email as early as possible. If I do not submit my project receipts by the end of 120 days or the end of my approved extension, I will be found ineligible and will not be able to receive my Irrigation Upgrade Rebate.
4. I understand that if I am asked for supplemental documents to my application, I must supply them within two weeks from the time I am asked for them from program staff. If I fail to return them within this timeframe, my application will be withdrawn and must wait one month before reapplying.
5. I shall submit my itemized receipts to City's Water Conservation Staff upon completion of the retrofit project. I am subject to a post-completion inspection appointment where Water Conservation Staff may: measure my landscape area, take photographs, check/evaluate my irrigation system for volumetric flow, and verify upgrade installation. Reimbursement shall only be available for a completed project approved by the City.
6. I understand that I am responsible for ensuring that my retrofit project follows the program guidelines. I understand that the proper installation of the irrigation upgrade is solely my responsibility and may not result in lower water bills.

7. Upon completion of my project, I will provide a total cost of the project and copies of all receipts and invoices associated with the project. These receipts will be itemized, showing quantity and price for each item purchased. If a contractor is used, the receipts will have labor separated and be easily distinguishable from the materials and will show that it is paid.

8. I will allow the City to conduct site visits to my property within five years of the date of this Agreement for the purpose of collecting data and photographs of the project site. The City will contact me in advance to arrange times for these visits.

9. I am responsible for complying with all applicable laws, regulations, ordinances, or other legal requirements, and nothing in this Agreement shall excuse or modify any such requirements.

10. I, the Participant, agree to defend, indemnify, protect and hold the City of Sacramento and its agents, officers, and employees harmless from and against any and all claims or liability for injuries or damages to any person or property to the extent arising from my acts or omissions, or the acts or omissions of my contractor or anyone acting on my or my contractor's behalf, or from conditions on my property.

11. I understand that the irrigation upgrade must remain in place for a minimum of five years after installation. If, prior to the expiration of the five years, I decide to replace the irrigation upgrade with a standard overhead spray system, I will repay the City the funds I received under this Agreement. This Agreement shall remain in effect until the five years have expired.

12. I understand that the City of Sacramento is required to send IRS form 1099 to me and the IRS when rebates total \$600 or more.