



Tampa Water Department

Sensible Sprinkling

Irrigation Evaluation
and Rebate Program



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Working together to improve irrigation efficiency

Sensible Sprinkling

Many Tampa residents have outdoor irrigation systems that are not as water efficient as they could be. Some systems are improperly designed with duplicated water zones and inefficient water distribution.

Some systems are functioning with sprinkler heads that are damaged or incorrectly angled and sized for the needs of the landscaped area. Others are improperly programmed to over-water each zone, saturating lawn and flowerbeds instead of providing the water needed for healthy growth.

Most people do not intentionally over-water or design their systems to use water inefficiently. They simply do not know that a problem exists or know how to fix it.

How Sensible Sprinkling Works

The Tampa Water Department (TWD) wants to help customers achieve healthy lawns and landscapes while using water as efficiently as possible. By working together with Tampa homeowners, apartment managers and businesses, the water department helps achieve better water use and helps customers grow aesthetically pleasing yards.

TWD customers with in-ground irrigation systems are eligible to request a free evaluation. Experts provided by the department will make an on-site visit and evaluate the efficiency of the irrigation system functions.

They will check:

- ≡ The watering schedule for each irrigation zone
- ≡ The irrigation system design to determine if it applies water efficiently to existing plants
- ≡ The size and positioning of sprinkler heads
- ≡ If a rain sensor is installed and functioning properly

Once an evaluation is complete, participants receive a detailed written report that includes:

- ≡ A seasonal sprinkling schedule for each zone
- ≡ Alternative ways to reduce water use, such as reducing grass areas where appropriate
- ≡ Site specific recommendations on improving water efficiency and reducing water use
- ≡ A free rain sensor, if applicable (installation included)

How Sensible Sprinkling Benefits You

Excessive water use can be destructive to the local environment and lead to fertilizer and pesticide run-off that may leach into the groundwater. It may also cause root rot and fungus problems that damage foliage.

After the evaluation is complete, participants can implement changes to improve of their system to irrigate their lawn and landscape more efficiently. This will conserve water, protect Tampa's water quality and potentially lower irrigation costs.

How Do You Get an Irrigation Evaluation?

Each year, the Tampa Water Department offers a limited number of free Sensible Sprinkling Irrigation Evaluations to customers using city water for irrigation. Evaluations are scheduled by appointment only. To request a free evaluation of your irrigation system, please call the Tampa Water Department at (813) 274-8121, visit our Web site at TampaGov.net/water, or complete the attached Sensible Sprinkling request form and mail to: Tampa Water Department, 306 E. Jackson Street, 5E, Tampa, FL 33602. A representative will call to schedule your appointment.

Sensible Sprinkling Rebates

Limited funding may be available to provide rebates to customers who implement recommendations provided in the evaluation report, such as retrofitting the system with drip or micro-irrigation. Contact the TWD to see if you qualify.

Yes! I would like to schedule an evaluation of my irrigation system.

NAME

STREET ADDRESS

ZIP

PHONE (DAY)

PHONE (EVENING)

E-MAIL

To assist us in serving you, please answer the following questions:

1. Do you have an in-ground irrigation system?
 Yes No
2. Is the system operational?
 Yes No
3. Is the irrigation system controlled by an automatic controller or is it manual only?
 Automatic Manual Only
4. Does the irrigation system use Tampa Water Department water?
 Yes No

To request your free Sensible Sprinkling Irrigation Evaluation, simply detach this completed, pre-addressed request form, affix proper postage and mail to Tampa Water Department.

For more information on the Sensible Sprinkling Irrigation Evaluation and Rebate Program or other water conservation services, please call the Tampa Water Department at (813) 274-8121 or visit our Web site at TampaGov.net/savewater.