



# SOIL MOISTURE SENSOR REBATE



City of Fresno will pay customers \$50 to install  
a Soil Moisture Sensor



## REBATE FOR SOIL MOISTURE SENSOR

The majority of irrigation systems use manually programmed clock timers, where the homeowner, building owner, or irrigation professional is responsible for scheduling watering events and times. Because schedules are often set to water at the height of the growing season, and might not be adjusted to reflect the seasonal or changes in plant watering needs, an irrigation system could be watering in January as if it were July. Similarly, manually programmed clock timers don't adjust for recent weather events, so systems without sensor technologies will water regardless of whether it has just rained.

Soil moisture-based control technologies water plants based on their needs by measuring the amount of moisture in the soil and tailoring irrigation schedules accordingly. Studies suggest that soil moisture sensors can result in water savings of at least 20 percent, potentially saving millions of gallons of water across the country. (source: EPA *WaterSense*)

As an alternative to conventional irrigation controllers, soil moisture-based control technologies make irrigation schedule adjustments by automatically tailoring the amount and frequency and timing of irrigation events based on the moisture content of the soil in the landscape.

**APPLICATIONS:** City of Fresno Water Conservation Program: 621-5480;  
email: [waterconservation@fresno.gov](mailto:waterconservation@fresno.gov) or click on \$Rebates at [www.fresno.gov/water](http://www.fresno.gov/water)

## REBATE PROCESS

1. Do not purchase your smart irrigation controller until you have verified that you meet the rebate criteria listed in *Rebate Program Guidelines & Conditions*.
2. Request an audit of your irrigation system by the City of Fresno prior to purchasing the smart controller.
3. If your system is approved, purchase unit and submit application along with a copy of the purchase receipt along with your recent Fresno City utility bill.
4. Receive approval from the City of Fresno.
5. You will be notified if a second inspection is required.
6. Rebate will be mailed 8-9 weeks after application approval.

## IMPORTANT MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

*A pre-inspection of your irrigation system is required.*

- Site must have an efficient, well maintained in-ground irrigation system compatible with a smart controller. (e.g., no line breaks, pressure issues, etc.)
- Site must have a fully operational conventional controller(s).
- Demonstrated potential for conservation savings (will be confirmed during a City of Fresno pre-installation survey).
- All valves must be fully operational at the time of the pre-installation survey.
- Soil Moisture Sensor systems must include a sensor and a calibrator (usually packaged together in the same device).

## Soil Moisture Sensor System Rebate Guidelines and Conditions

### Requirements

- See Important Minimum Requirements on previous page.
- All projects must be completed within 120 days of City-designated start date.

### Who Qualifies:

- Limit one rebate per qualified account as defined below.
- Rebate available to City of Fresno water customers or landlords of property serviced by City of Fresno Water Division where a tenant is the water customer. Customers on a shared billing account qualify as individual units. Multi-family, commercial, institutional and industrial customers whose meter supplies water to an irrigation system qualify.
- Renters or tenants must provide written approval from property owner or property manager.
- New construction does not qualify.

### Application and Rebate Approval or Denial:

- Rebate cannot be larger than your reserved amount.
- Soil Moisture Sensor System must be installed at approved service location listed on the customer's City of Fresno water utility bill account.
- Limited one rebate per account.
- Incomplete, incorrect or unsigned applications cannot be processed and will be denied and returned.
- By submitting this application you are agreeing to a verification inspection to be eligible for rebate.
- Customers must fulfill all program guidelines to be eligible for rebates. Rebates will only be awarded after verification of proper installation and compliance with the Guidelines and Conditions.
- Accounts must be current and non-delinquent.
- This Rebate is available at 5/1/15. Retroactive rebates are not available.

### Rebates:

- Rebate amount is \$50.
- Rebate amounts do not apply to labor or other costs. Rebate may not exceed the cost of the soil moisture sensor rebate offer.
- The Rebate Program is not responsible for materials lost by mail.
- Submission or possession of a rebate application does not guarantee receiving a rebate.
- Rebates are processed on a first come, first served basis and funding is limited to available resources. *This program shall at all times be subject to change or termination without prior notice.*
- The City is not responsible for product performance or water savings. No warranty or guarantee of the products used or the vendor is provided.
- Rebate checks will be mailed 8-9 weeks after completing the rebate process.



# SOIL MOISTURE SENSOR REBATE

**ATTENTION:** A pre-inspection by the City of Fresno of your in-ground irrigation system is required. Do not purchase your Soil Moisture Sensor Rebate until you have verified that you meet the rebate criteria listed in *Rebate Program Guidelines & Conditions*.

Mail to: City of Fresno, Water Conservation, Soil Moisture Sensor Rebate, 1910 E University, Fresno, CA 93703.  
Phone: (559) 621-5480 – fax (559) 498-4228, Email: waterconservation@fresno.gov, Website: www.fresno.gov/water

Date \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Account Information</b>	<p><b>Please print clearly</b></p> <p>Fresno City Utility Billing Account # _____</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Copy of most recent City of Fresno Utility Bill must be included with this application.</p>
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Account Name \_\_\_\_\_

Account Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Attention: Renters and Tenants: Participation requires written approval from property owner and/or property manager. Letter must be attached to application when submitted.

Property Owner (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Building Information</b> <i>(Installation Address)</i>	<p><b>Building Type (X Select):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Single Family home   <input type="checkbox"/> PUD   <input type="checkbox"/> Condo   <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Home   <input type="checkbox"/> HOA Shared billing account</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Family Apt/Duplex   <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial   <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial   <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional</p>
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**Number of:** People in selected unit \_\_\_\_\_ Selected unit # (if applies) \_\_\_\_\_ Site Name (if applies) \_\_\_\_\_

<b>SMART IRRIGATION CONTROLLER REBATE</b>	<p>City of Fresno will pay customers \$50 to install a Soil Moisture Sensor Rebate</p>
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Location: Front \_\_\_\_\_ Back \_\_\_\_\_ Side \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate square feet of property \_\_\_\_\_ Brand of Soil Moisture Sensor \_\_\_\_\_

Model \_\_\_\_\_ Current brand/model of Irrigation Controller \_\_\_\_\_

Date installed \_\_\_\_\_

**Rebate Information**

How did you learn about this rebate? \_\_\_\_\_  
Would you have purchased a Soil Moisture Sensor at this time if this rebate was not being offered? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Inspection and Documentation**

**DOCUMENTATION:**

- Application must be approved prior to rebate. Incomplete applications will be denied and returned.
- Copy of receipt must accompany application..
- Compliance with Soil Moisture Sensor Rebate Guidelines and Conditions is required.
- A second on-site inspection at the address shown on the City of Fresno utility bill may be required.

**Agreement of Terms and Conditions**

City of Fresno may deny any application that does not meet program requirements which can be obtained by calling (559) 621-5480. The undersigned expressly agrees that the City may inspect all items submitted for the Soil Moisture Sensor Rebate Program; that the City does not guarantee the performance of any replacement item; and that the City does not warrant any replacement item or installation to be free of defects, the quality of the workmanship, or the suitability of the premises or the installation. The undersigned further agrees to hold harmless the City of Fresno against all loss, damage, expense and liability resulting from the loss, destruction or damage to property arising out of or in any way connected with the Soil Moisture Sensor Rebate. The City reserves the right to alter this program at any time without prior notice. Funding for this rebate program is limited to available resources. Rebates are processed on a first come, first served basis.

I have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions of this rebate program.

**Signature of Applicant** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Complete, sign, and date this page. Attach proof of purchase before mailing. Incomplete applications will be denied and returned.

**TRACKING #** \_\_\_\_\_

**For Official Use Only**

Application: Approved \_\_\_ Denied \_\_\_ Reviewed by \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Denial \_\_\_\_\_

**Approved by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

Soil Moisture Sensor Rebate Controller \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date to Accounting \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount of Rebate:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ACCOUNTING:** Rebate Check sent : Date \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_ Voucher No. \_\_\_\_\_