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CREDIT AVAILABLE FOR SMART IRRIGATION CONTROLLERS

While many lawn irrigation systems (sprinklers) run on a timer, they often don't take into account whether or not the lawn "actually" needs watering. Overwatering can be a drain on the water bill, a waste of water, and create shallow root systems that are bad for lawns.

Smart Irrigation Controllers

Smart irrigation controllers – which can be purchased at most home improvement stores – act like a thermostat for sprinkler systems. They use local weather reports and forecasts to determine how much it has rained in recent days, and how much it's expected to rain in the near future. Using this information, the controller can turn systems on and off automatically based on the "natural watering" they receive.

Water Bill Credit Available

Burnsville residents can receive a credit of up to \$200 on their water bill by purchasing and installing a smart irrigation controller. The credit is for the purchase price of the controller up to \$200. (For example, if the controller is only \$150, the credit will be \$150.)

- Have an in-lawn irrigation system that is connected to the City's water supply
- Purchase and install a *WaterSense*-certified smart irrigation controller before July 15, 2019
- Fill out and submit an online request at www.burnsvillemn.gov/water
- Include a photo/scan of the receipt/proof of purchase
- Include a photo of the irrigation controller's box showing the *WaterSense* logo alongside the installed controller

Smart irrigation controllers require a smart phone for set up and a Wi-Fi connection to monitor weather conditions.

For more information or to request a credit visit www.burnsvillemn.gov/water. Requests are due by Monday, July 15.

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