

SoCal Water\$mart's Smart Irrigation Controller Program



Installing smart irrigation controllers lets you water plants more efficiently and conveniently by setting a customized watering schedule for your landscape, and then automatically adjusting the schedule according to weather changes. Save yourself the work of adjusting your sprinklers, and save money on your water bill by only using the water you need.

\$80 per controller or \$60 per station depending on the size of your landscape

Residential Program Application Process and Timeline



Review program requirements and eligibility

Before going out to buy a smart controller, make sure it is on the list of EPA WaterSense-certified eligible controllers. If your property is larger than 1 acre, apply as a commercial property.

Purchase and install your smart controller

Purchase a smart controller that meets program requirements. Keep the receipt! You will need it to apply to the rebate. You have 1 year from the date of your receipt to install and apply.

Create an account and submit an application

Go to the SoCalWater\$mart website and select residential. In the top section click "Rebates," and "Apply for Device Rebate." Create an account so you can save your progress or check your status later. You will need a copy of your most recent water bill and the receipt for your controller. Make sure to save your application number so you can log in later! You will receive an automated email to confirm submission of your application.

Receive approval and get paid (6-8 weeks)

If approved, you will receive an email within 3 weeks. Projects can be subject to inspection. Rebate checks will be mailed 6-8 weeks after approval. Checks become void after 90 days.

Commercial Program Application Process and Timeline

Prepare necessary documents for application

Assembling needed documents before you start your application will make the process smoother. Refer to our list of required documents to make sure you have everything.

Create an account and submit an application

Go to socalwatersmart.com, and select "Commercial." Select "Rebates," "Apply Online," "Apply for Device Rebate," and "Commercial Device Rebate." Make sure to create an account to save progress and complete your application. Make sure to save your application number.

Receive your notice to proceed (3-5 days)

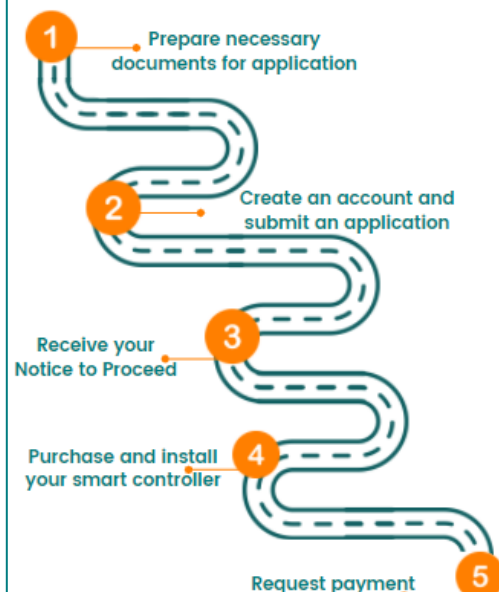
Do not purchase or install your controller until after receiving your notice to proceed. The program may reach out to you if they have any questions before approving your project.

Purchase and install your smart controller (60 days)

After receiving your approval email, you will have 60 days to complete your project.

Request payment (8-10 weeks)

After your project is done, log back into your account and login as a "Returning Applicant," and follow the instructions to "Apply for Rebate." Processing can take up to 2 weeks, and an inspection may be needed prior to approval. Once approved, expect a check within 6-8 weeks. Checks are void after 90 days. If the program has any questions about your project, you will have a chance to adjust the project.



Frequently Asked Questions

What do I need to apply?

Before you apply, gather the following information and documents:

Residential

- Irrigated area in acres
- Make and model number of controller
- Number of controllers
- Number of stations
- Cost of controller
- Date of purchase
- Date of installation
- Receipt showing model number and price
- Copy of most recent water bill

Commercial

- Number of controllers
- Number of stations
- Do you use recycled water?
- Copy of most recent water bill
- Water bill service address

After approval, as a returning applicant

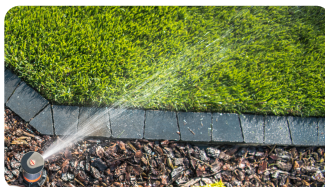
- Irrigated area in acres
- Make and model number of controller
- Cost of controller
- Date of installation
- Receipt for controller

Should I apply as a residential or commercial property?

Single family detached homes, duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes with four (4) or fewer units are considered residential properties. However, **if you have a residential property that is more than 1 acre, you will get a higher rebate by applying as a commercial property.**

What is a station vs a controller?

A station is a circuit on the controller that controls watering for a specific zone. The name or model number should indicate the number of stations, or you can manually go into the controller settings and find the total number of stations.



What are the program requirements?

Smart controller must appear on [program list](#) of EPA WaterSense-certified eligible controllers.

Projects may be subject to inspections for application approval.

Projects should follow any additional program requirement on [SoCalWater\\$mart website](#).