

LAWN TALK

Make every drop count.
Water your lawn the right way.
Don't water your sidewalk or driveway -
they won't grow no matter
how much water you give them.

5 Basic Steps For a Healthy Lawn

Don't Water When It Rains or Freezes

Use a rain/freeze sensor on your automatic irrigation.



Water Deeply & Water Less Often

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Mow High & Mow Often

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Use Mulch In Flower Beds

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QUALIFYING RAIN/FREEZE SENSOR LIST

Brand Name	Model
Hunter	Rain Klik (Rain only)
Hunter	Freeze Klik (Rain only)
Hunter	Rain/Freeze Klik (Combination)
Hunter	Wireless Rain Klik (Rain only)
Hunter	Mini-Weather Station (Combination)
Hunter	Wireless Rain/Freeze Sensor (Combination)
Hunter	Solar Sync (Combination)
Irritrol Systems	RS500 (Rain only)
Irritrol Systems	RS1000 (Rain only)
Irritrol Systems	RFS1000 (Combination)
Glen-Hilton Products	Mini Klik Rain/Freeze Sensor (Combination)
Nelson	Rain-Trip (Rain only)
Orbit	Rain Sensor (Rain only)
Orbit	Wireless Rain/Freeze Sensor (Combination)
Orbit	Wireless Rain/Freeze Sensor-Solar Powered (Combination)
R&D Engineering	Wireless Rain/Freeze Sensor (Combination)
Toro Rain/Freeze Sensor	TWRFS (Combination)
Toro Rain/Freeze Sensor	Rainswitch (Rain only)
Weathermatic	Rain/Freeze Sensor (Combination)
Weather-Miser	Rain/Freeze Sensor (Combination)

**Or other device approved by the Building Safety Department*

REBATE PROGRAM INSTRUCTIONS

**Customers can obtain a voucher (valid for 10 days) to reserve a rebate. Vouchers are available through the Utility Billing Dept., pick up at 509 SE 7th Ave., or call 806-378-4241.*

1. Select, purchase and install the qualifying rain/freeze sensor.
2. Complete rebate application form.
3. Enclose copy of original invoice or sales receipt showing date of installation and cost of the device.
4. **Mail completed rebate application and receipt/invoice to:**
City of Amarillo, Attn: Rain/Freeze Rebate, P.O. Box 100, Amarillo, TX 79105-1971 or
Bring the completed application and receipt/invoice to:
City of Amarillo - Utility Billing Dept., 509 SE 7th Ave, Room 102
5. Receive credit on water bill.

RAIN/FREEZE SENSOR REBATE PROGRAM

Water Right!

It's time to change the way we water...



Reduce Your Use. Every Drop Counts.

RAIN/FREEZE SENSOR REBATE PROGRAM

To encourage water conservation, the City of Amarillo has adopted a *Residential Rain/Freeze Sensor Rebate Program*.

Getting your rain/freeze sensor rebate is easy. Simply select, purchase and install a new sensor from the qualifying list. Then complete and mail rebate application along with copies of your receipt and proof of purchase. If accepted, rebate will be equal to the cost of the unit, up to a maximum of \$50 credit towards your utility bill. Customers can obtain a voucher (valid for 10 days) to reserve a rebate. Vouchers are available through the Utility Billing Dept., 509 SE 7th Ave or call 806-378-4241.

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

To be eligible, a resident must have an active City of Amarillo water utility account in good standing for the property where installation of qualifying items is to occur. Name on water account and proof of purchase must match. This program is for single family residences only, tenants and commercial requests will not be eligible. Limit one rain/freeze sensor for the lifetime of a residence.

Only qualifying models of rain and freeze sensors will be eligible for rebate. A list of qualifying devices can be found on the back of the rebate application or at www.amarillo.gov. Qualifying items are selected on the basis of intended function only. The City of Amarillo does not endorse specific brands, products, or dealers and does not guarantee the performance or durability of the items purchased. It is the resident's responsibility to ensure that the rain/freeze sensor is properly installed, maintained and functions as designed.

Only approved irrigation systems installed before January 1, 2009 will be eligible for the rebate. **Rebate applications must be received within 120 days of the purchase.** Rebates will be processed in the order they are received. Processing of completed applications may take up to 4 weeks. Incomplete applications will not be processed. A representative from the City of Amarillo may contact you to verify the installation of the rain and freeze sensor before your application is accepted and rebate is issued. Once processing is complete and rebate is approved, a credit will appear on your utility bill.

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RAIN/FREEZE SENSOR REBATE APPLICATION

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

City of Amarillo Utility Account Number: _____

Name of Account Holder: _____

Billing Address: _____ ZIP: _____

R/F Sensor Address (if different): _____

Phone (Home): _____ Phone (Cell): _____

E-mail: _____

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Rebate only applies to retrofits on irrigation systems installed prior to January 2009.

Do you: Own or Rent Number of people who live at residence: _____

Brand of R/F Sensor Installed: _____ Model: _____

How was the sensor installed? yourself licensed irrigator other

If licensed irrigator installed the sensor, please provide the following information:

Name of Licensed Irrigator: _____

Company: _____ License Number: _____

Company Address: _____ ZIP: _____

Signature of Licensed Irrigator: _____

What was the main reason for installing your R/F sensor:

Save Money on Water Bill Conserve Water Rebate Money

REBATE PROGRAM TERMS & CONDITION

I have read, understand and agree to the following terms:

- To be eligible, I must have an active City of Amarillo water utility account in good standing, in my name.
- The rain/freeze sensor must be in place at the address listed above for the life of the unit/device.
- It is my responsibility to ensure that the rain/freeze sensor is properly maintained and functions as designed.
- I understand a representative from the City of Amarillo may contact me to verify the installation of the rain/freeze sensor.
- Rebate applications must be received within 120 days of the purchase.
- I understand only complete rebate applications will be processed.
- I understand that rebates will be processed in the order they are received on a first-come first-served basis; up to 400.
- I can reserve a voucher number (valid for 10 days) from the Utility Billing Department (509 SE 7th Ave or call 378-4241).
- Processing of completed applications may take up to 4 weeks.

Participant's signature: _____ Date: _____

The following lawn irrigation tips can help you save water while keeping your lawn healthy and thriving all summer long.

Water Less Or Not At All When It Rains

● Use a Rain/Freeze Sensor on your automatic irrigation. The sensor(s) shut off irrigation systems when it rains or during freezing weather.

● If you get 1/2 inch or more of rain, don't water for 2 days. If you get 1 inch or more of rain, don't water for 4 days.

Water Deeply & Water Less Often

● This promotes deeper roots (a healthy root is usually 8 to 24 inches deep) and healthier turf.

● If your lawn springs back when you step on it, it doesn't need water.

● Only about an inch of water is needed a week to maintain a healthy lawn - the amount that would fill a tuna can. The average sprinkler system should run approximately 30 minutes for water to reach the deep root zone. *Verify actual application rate using the lawn gauge or tuna can method.*

● Water before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m. Do not water on windy days (minimize evaporation).

● A properly irrigated lawn only needs to be watered two days a week.

Mow High & Mow Often

● Try to keep your grass 1 1/2 to 3 inches long. This encourages a stronger root system and reduces evaporation.

● Set your mower blades one notch higher than normal. Remember to keep the blades sharp - ragged cut edges causes the grass to dry out faster.

● Consider a mulching mower that chops grass and leaves it on the lawn as natural fertilizer.

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