

Managing your landscape the right way

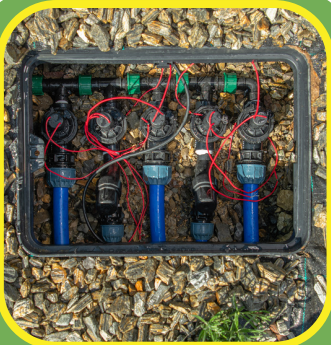
SMART IRRIGATION *Starts Here*



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Commercial irrigation systems can waste thousands of gallons of water—and send fertilizers, pesticides, and sediment into nearby storm drains. By adopting smart irrigation practices, businesses can conserve water, protect infrastructure, and reduce pollution.

A healthier landscape starts with smarter water use.



Install smart controllers that adjust watering based on weather conditions and soil moisture.



Check for leaks and overspray regularly—especially near sidewalks and storm drains.



Water before 9 a.m. or after 5 p.m. to minimize evaporation and runoff.

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BMPs for Commercial Irrigation

Most of the Best Management Practices (BMPs) identified below are non-structural and cost little or nothing to implement. This listing is not all-inclusive and other non-structural and structural BMPs can be implemented to further reduce the potential of contributing to stormwater pollution.

DO'S

- Inspect your irrigation system monthly for leaks, clogged heads, or broken components.
- Adjust sprinkler heads to avoid watering streets, sidewalks, and driveways.
- Group plants by water needs and irrigate accordingly (hydrozoning).
- Program timers for early morning watering to reduce evaporation and runoff.
- Use mulch in landscaped areas to retain moisture and reduce watering needs.

DON'TS

- Water during the heat of the day or immediately before/after rain events.
- Ignore signs of overwatering like standing water, soggy soil, or mold.
- Use the same schedule year-round—update it seasonally.
- Allow sprinkler runoff to enter storm drains—this carries pollutants directly to waterways.
- Assume your landscaper is following BMPs—ask and confirm.



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