# **Smarter Technology Can Help**

Using water-efficient technologies can make a big difference in keeping your residential or light commercial irrigation system running efficiently without a lot of effort on your part.

### Water at the right time.

Irrigation controllers set a schedule that turns your irrigation system on and off. WaterSense labeled weather-based irrigation controllers can help reduce water waste by adjusting your irrigation schedule based on local weather and landscape conditions.

## Give plants only the water they need.

Soil moisture-based control technologies water plants based on their needs by measuring the amount of moisture in the soil and tailoring the irrigation schedule accordingly. WaterSense has issued a draft specification to label soil moisture-based control technologies.



## Use efficient sprinklers to avoid water waste.

High pressure can cause sprinklers to spray water faster than expected, causing areas of the landscape to flood. <u>WaterSense labeled spray sprinkler bodies</u>, which feature integral pressure regulation, can help decrease the outdoor water waste associated with irrigation systems that receive water under higher pressure.

### Install a micro irrigation system for gardens, trees, and shrubs.

Micro irrigation applies water slowly and directly to the plants' roots where the water is needed most. <u>Water Sense has two different guides</u> available to help irrigation professionals and homeowners understand the benefits of micro irrigation.