

# **Please Suspend Your Irrigation!**

Recent showers have provided much of the moisture our landscapes should need for the next few days. With more showers expected to arrive later in the week, take action now to reduce unnecessary irrigation:

- Check that your rain shut-off switch is suspending your irrigation when it rains (adjustments are often needed)
- If you don't have a rain shut-off switch, turn your controller off manually
- Start watering your landscape by hand or semi-automatically, only as needed throughout the winter
- Install a rain cistern to capture rainwater that can be used to water your plants when needed

By applying to our landscape incentive program, you can receive reimbursement for the installation of a rain shut-off switch, soil moisture sensor, and/or rainwater storage tank. Please note District approval is required prior to installation. Contact us for more information at (831) 384-6131 or <u>conservation@mcwd.org</u>.

## **Rain Shut-Off Switch**

Rain Shut-Off Switches are most useful during the Winter months and automatically shutoff automatic irrigation timers when rain is detected. When an irrigation controller is modified to include the operation of a new, District approved rain shut-off switch, the District will



provide a rebate equal to the purchase price, up to \$100.00 per device installed. Please note, you must be pre-approved prior to installation.

### **Soil Moisture Sensors**

Soil Moisture Sensors allow monitoring and control of landscape soil moisture levels. Irrigation controllers can be programmed to water the days permitted and the sensor will only operate on those days if landscape soil is drier than a preset threshold. Plants should become less prone to water



mold and shallow root growth which tends to occur with overwatering. These devices help reduce year-round irrigation, saving money every time they shut off the automatic irrigation system.

Below are some companies that manufacture soil moisture sensors. Please click on each link to learn more.

### Toro | Irrometer | Rain Bird | Hunter | Baseline

### **Rainwater Catchment**

Harvesting rainwater can decrease reliance on potable water. Use the rainwater for landscape irrigation or to wash a car. Apply for the rainwater catchment incentive today to begin installation. Please note, you must be pre-approved prior to installation.



If interested in participating in this rebate program, please click <u>here</u> to learn more.

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