It’s that time again…

Time to turn down your irrigation controller!

September and October is the time to cut back on your irrigation.

We recommend reducing the number of watering days and/or the number of minutes from your summer watering schedule. Typically during September, plants need only about 75% of the water that they do during peak summer in July; in October, they need only about 50% of peak water use. See the table below for typical monthly percentages compared to July for the Stanford area. Sprinklers can be turned off in the winter months, for areas that are exposed to rain. See below for a few videos on how to modify standard irrigation controllers.

### Typical Monthly Percentage Comparison of Landscape Water Need Using July as Basis – Using 5 year Average (2008-2012) for the Stanford Area

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Instructional Videos on How to Program a Typical Irrigation Controller:

- [X-CORE Controller: Hunter X-Core Programming - Part 1: Overview & Setting Up Program A](#)
- [X-CORE Controller: Hunter X-Core Programming - Part 2: Multiple Programs & Additional Features](#)
- [Rain Bird ESP - Modular Controller: Seasonal Adjust (%)](#)
- [Irritrol: Setting up the Rain Dial Controller Programming](#)
- [Irritrol: Setting up the Rain Dial Controller System Shut Down](#)
- [Irritrol: Setting up the Rain Dial Controller Manual Watering](#)