

*What is a rain sensor device?*

A device that over-rides the cycle of an automatic irrigation system when adequate rainfall has been received. The device is mounted in an open area outdoors & wired to the timer of your irrigation system.

*Who requires a rain sensor to be installed?*

Florida Law (Statute 373.62) and Chapter 50 of the Volusia County Code require a rain sensor to be installed on all automatic irrigation systems. A rain sensor can easily be installed on most existing irrigation systems.

*Will a rain sensor affect the irrigation schedule of my automatic timer?*

No. The device merely over-rides the cycle until the rain sensor device dries out. The timer will then come back on-line to the regular irrigation schedule, which hopefully corresponds to the current water restrictions in effect.

*What is adequate rainfall?*

This will vary with soil type, topography, plant material, etc. For most Volusia County landscapes, it is recommended that the rain sensor be set to over-ride the irrigation cycle when 1/4" to " of rainfall has been received.

*Who may install a rain sensor device?*

A homeowner may do the work although it is recommended that an irrigation contractor who holds a valid Certificate of Competency for Pump & Irrigation installations from the County of Volusia do the work. Call (386)736-5927, 254-4612, or 423-3303 extension 2073 to confirm that your irrigation contractor is licensed.

*Where may a rain sensor device be purchased?*

A rain sensor device may be purchased where most irrigation supplies are sold.

*What are the advantages of a rain sensor device on my irrigation system?*

### SAVES MONEY

Reduces water bill or electric bill ( if irg system has a pump) by overriding the cycle of the irrigation system after adequate rainfall has been received.

### SAVES THE SYSTEM

Reduces wear on the irrigation system because the system runs only when necessary.

### PROTECTS THE LAWN

Reduces disease damage to the lawn by preventing over watering.

### CONSERVES WATER

Rainfall is allowed to do it s job of watering your lawn, saving other sources of water from being wasted.

Questions on rain sensor devices may be directed to:

Volusia County  
Environmental Management  
123 W. Indiana Avenue  
DeLand, Florida 32720-4621

DeLand: (386)736-5927  
Daytona: 254-4612  
New Smyrna: 423-3303  
Extension 2073

**For current water restrictions a recording may be reached at:**

DeLand: 736-5998  
Daytona: 254-4490  
New Smyrna: 423-3359

## WHY INSTALL



## A RAIN SENSOR DEVICE?

