

## **Rain Sensor Replacement Program**

### **Description, Terms, and Conditions**

#### **Purpose:**

In an effort to further improve upon water conservation, the Bay Laurel Center Community Development District (BLCCDD) is conducting a cooperative funding initiative project with the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) that will replace three hundred (300) nonfunctioning Rain Sensors at residential homes to reduce irrigation water use.

Irrigating a landscape during a rainstorm not only results in oversaturated plants and turf, it also wastes water. Rain Sensors provide the simplest, most effective way to prevent sprinklers from running during or after any level of rainfall. Also, Florida Law (Section 373.62 F.S.) requires that all irrigation systems be outfitted with a working rain shut-off device or other technology to inhibit or interrupt operation of the irrigation system during periods of sufficient moisture. Rain Sensors have an average life expectancy of five (5) years. Therefore, the Rain Sensor replacement program will ensure that each participant has a working Rain Sensor to maximize conservation efforts.



#### **Cost:**

The program will provide a reimbursement to participating residents up to \$138.00 for installing the above-described equipment. The BLCCDD and SWFWMD will each contribute 50% of the reimbursement (including installation) of each Rain Sensor that is replaced.

#### **Process:**

The following procedure will be utilized for the determination of qualification and approval of reimbursement:

1. Application is to be submitted with BLCCDD.
  - a. At the time of application BLCCDD staff will determine if the Monthly Average Usage meets the threshold of 14,500 gallons or more. 14,500 gallons was utilized as the threshold requirement due to the maximum allowable monthly usage permitted by SWFWMD being 9,165 gallons based upon a persons per household population of 2.01.
  - b. b. The applicant will provide the original year of installation for their current sensor and if it is functioning.
  - c. If the rain sensor is older than five (5) years or is listed as nonfunctioning the applicant will qualify.
2. BLCCDD will determine if the home qualifies for the program by meeting the following additional requirements:
  - a. The applicant must be an active customer of the Bay Laurel Center Community Development District.
  - b. The applicant must be the owner of the home that the upgrades are being made to.
3. Once approved the applicant will be provided a Certificate of Qualification allowing the applicant to proceed with the installation of the approved component.
4. At the completion of installation, the applicant must notify BLCCDD so that a site visit can be performed to ensure the component was installed.
5. The customer must submit a reimbursement request form along with an installation invoice and/or receipt to BLCCDD customer service office (8470 SW 79th Street Road, Suite 3 Ocala, FL 34481)
6. Once reimbursement request, installation invoice and/or receipt are received, and site visit is completed, BLCCDD will issue a reimbursement check to the customer not to exceed \$138.00.

**The Applicant Requirements:**

Thank you for your interest in participating in the Rain Sensor Replacement Program. To qualify for the upgrade program, the applicant must meet and agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. Own a house inside the BLCCDD service area.
2. Monthly Average Usage meets the threshold of 14,500 gallons or more.
3. Currently have an existing irrigation system owned and maintained by applicant.
4. Allow BLCCDD to inspect the existing rain sensor to determine if applicant qualifies for the program and inspect new installation once completed.
5. A maximum of one (1) Rain Sensor will be permitted per house.
6. Funding is limited and only three hundred (300) Rain Sensors are available until funds run out or the program terminates.
7. The Program is contingent upon approval of funding from related parties and in the event funding is not available the program shall be rendered null and void.
8. BLCCDD and the SWFWMD reserve the right to alter this program at any time.
9. Program ends on December 31, 2024.

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(Print Full Name)

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(Signature)

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(Date)

**Rain Sensor Replacement Program Application**

A Cooperative Funding Program between the Bay Laurel Community Development District (BLCCDD) and the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Alt Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Rain Sensor Install Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Is Current Rain Sensor Functioning: \_\_\_\_\_

**Waiver:**

I certify that I have received, read, understand and agree to the terms and conditions of this Rain Sensor Replacement Program. The undersigned expressly agrees that the BLCCDD or its designee may inspect all qualifying Rain Sensor installations. I agree that the BLCCDD, SWFWMD, nor any other related entity, (hereinafter the Grantors) do not warrant any equipment or installation to be free of defects, the quality of workmanship, or the suitability of the premises for equipment installation. I acknowledge that I am solely responsible for the operation and continual maintenance of the irrigation system and rain sensor. The undersigned further agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Grantors their directors, officers, employees, vendors, and contractors against all loss, damage, expense, claims, suits and liability, including attorney's fees resulting from the loss, destruction, or damage to property arising out of or in any way connected with the Rain Sensor Replacement Program.

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(Print Full Name)

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(Signature)

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(Date)