

## What is a Rain Sensor Shutoff Switch?

A Rain Sensor shutoff Switch is an electric device that detects and measures rainfall and turns off the irrigation system when a predetermined amount of rain has fallen. This prevents the irrigation system from watering when the landscape has already received enough water from the rainfall. Rain sensors reduce unnecessary watering during rainfall events.

## Do I need a Rain Sensor Shutoff Switch?

The Georgia General Assembly (O.C.G.A. §12-5-6), which became effective January 1, 2005, requires rain sensor shutoff switches on all new in-ground landscape irrigation systems for both residential and nonresidential properties within the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District (MNGWPD) planning area. At the local level, building inspection checklists must be updated to reflect rain sensor requirements for new construction with irrigation systems.

This law does not apply to either landscape irrigation installed on golf courses, or any system dependent upon a non-public water source.



### Permitting and Inspections:

City of Alpharetta Community Development

- 678-297-6000

City of Atlanta Office of Buildings

- 404-330-6150

City of Johns Creek Community Development

- 678-512-3200

City of Milton Community Development

- 678-242-2500

City of Roswell Community Development

- 770-641-3780

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