



# Why **water** when it's **wetter?**

If you use a clock timer for outdoor watering, **don't** set it and **forget** it!

# Did you know...

Americans use nearly 8 billion gallons of water outdoors, mostly for landscape irrigation? But as much as 50 percent of the water we use outdoors goes to waste due to wind, evaporation, and runoff caused by inefficient irrigation methods and systems. Many people set the clock timer on their sprinklers to run at regular times, then waste water during rain storms, windy weather, or in the heat of the sun.

For information about watering wisely whatever the weather, visit [www.epa.gov/watersense/outdoors](http://www.epa.gov/watersense/outdoors).

Make sure you adjust your system with the seasons. You can also override your timer when foul weather is predicted, and avoid setting to water during hours when the sun is hottest. When it starts to get cold and plants go dormant, decrease your watering frequency, then turn off the system altogether. Don't forget to winterize your system, and check for leaks when spring arrives!



To take the guesswork out of watering, replace your clock-based controller with a WaterSense labeled weather-based or soil moisture-based irrigation controller!

