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SLOW THE FLOW SPRINKLER EVALUATIONS

HOA/COMMERCIAL INFORMATION





**SAVE
WATER
AND
MONEY!**

▶ What We Do

Slow the Flow offers an impactful service that evaluates the irrigation practices of your property and makes simple recommendations to support community conservation goals by helping reduce excessive water use. Slow the Flow's trained technicians perform an analysis of your sprinkler system and provide a report detailing our findings and suggestions to improve efficiency. This no-cost service is available through partnerships with over 30 water utilities and municipalities across Colorado's Front Range.

▶ What You'll Get

- A visual inspection to check for sprinkler issues that waste water
- Tests to determine how evenly and quickly the sprinklers distribute water
- A detailed report providing an overview of all findings and recommendations to improve the efficiency of the sprinkler system
- A customized watering schedule that could help **save thousands of gallons of water per year**

► Is This The Right Service For You?

Our goal is to provide water-saving recommendations that are relatively low-cost and easy to implement. Our suggestions may include basic repairs, minor design changes, sprinkler head or nozzle adjustments, or watering schedule changes. We do not provide recommendations for large design/infrastructure changes, technology upgrades, or brand-specific products.

Property requirements:

1. Your water provider, municipality, or granting organization partners with us to fund this service. You can check your eligibility at <https://resourcecentral.org/sprinklers/non-residential/>.
2. You are requesting this service for an HOA, townhome or apartment complex, business, or other institutional property such as a church, school, government building, or park.
3. The property has an in-ground sprinkler system that is operated by one or more control clocks.
4. The property has some grass (not just plants, shrubs, or a garden) that is watered by the sprinkler system.
5. A property representative must be available to meet with our technician(s) at the start of the appointment and be reachable by phone throughout the evaluation.



► Steps To An Evaluation

Before The Evaluation

1. Submit an [online application](#).
2. Schedule a phone consultation.
 - We will email you a link to schedule a phone consultation, during which we'll confirm property details, discuss scheduling options, and answer any questions.
3. Sign the electronic liability waiver from Docusign.
4. Book your evaluation.
 - Once your waiver is signed, we'll officially book your evaluation!
5. Prepare for the evaluation.
 - Ensure there will be no planned work or maintenance on the sprinkler system or other activities that can impede our technicians' work (such as mowing, pesticide application, painting, or events) during the evaluation.
 - Print out a site map if available.
 - Ensure all control clocks are unlocked and accessible. If you have smart control clocks controlled via an app, you may be asked to share access.

During The Evaluation

1. At the beginning of the appointment, your property representative meets with our technician(s) to give them a tour of the property and answer any questions.
 - This usually takes 30 minutes to 2 hours, depending on the size of the property.
2. Our technicians then record your current watering schedule(s), conduct a visual inspection of your irrigation zones, and perform efficiency tests on select turf zones.
 - An evaluation can last from 1 hour to 1 week, depending on the size of the sprinkler system.
3. If our technicians find any sprinkler issues that need to be addressed right away (such as broken heads), they will call your property representative during the evaluation.



After The Evaluation

1. We compile our data and send you an electronic report with our findings within two weeks of the end of your evaluation. The report includes:
 - A spreadsheet with detailed zone-by-zone findings
 - A PDF with a summary of findings and glossary of terms
 - A roadmap to help you with next steps
2. Schedule a post-evaluation phone call with us to help interpret the results of your evaluation if desired.
3. Share the report with your landscaping company to adjust your watering schedule, correct misaligned heads and nozzles, and repair broken items.

Other Large Property Offerings

Looking for more resources and assistance for water-saving landscape projects? In addition to our Slow the Flow Sprinkler Evaluations, Resource Central offers two other HOA-specific programs:

HOA Turf Conversion Consultation Program: Receive a resource packet and up to 40 hours of project guidance and support from Resource Central staff to help you take on a turf conversion project at your HOA. You will also get up to \$8,000 to put towards your project when it is successfully completed!

Large Property Water Assessment Program: We'll conduct an in-depth irrigation and landscape analysis for your HOA, provide landscape budgeting, GIS mapping, and a return-on-investment analysis. Our final report for you will include practical next steps for the property. A select number of participating properties will be eligible to receive a \$20,000 grant to put recommendations into action.

Learn more and apply at ResourceCentral.org/HOA.