

Sprinkler systems

For those who have in-ground irrigation systems, utilize a rain sensor shutoff device to prevent water waste. The State of Minnesota enacted a law (*Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103G.298*) in 2005 that requires "all automatically operated landscape irrigation systems include rainfall sensors." It requires that the "sensor technology will inhibit or interrupt the operation of the landscape irrigation system during periods of sufficient moisture." Also, if you have a timer on your irrigation system, make sure that you are not watering during the heat of the day (10 a.m. - 5 p.m.), as most of the water from your system will evaporate prior to soaking into the soil. This fall or early next spring may be a great time to have a sensor installed on your irrigation system.

