



# SMARTER WATER, STRONGER SAVINGS!

## GETTING TO KNOW SMART IRRIGATION CONTROLLERS

### WHAT IS A SMART CONTROLLER?

- Smart controllers use current and/or historic weather data to create a custom irrigation schedule.
- Our study shows residents with traditional landscaping saved about \$150 per year, or about 20% in landscape irrigation costs by installing a smart irrigation controller.
- Nearly all smart controllers use an intuitive phone app, making it easier for you to set up and to check for issues - no back & forth to your garage!

### REBATES & EXPERT RESOURCES

Explore the Water Authority's rebate for a smart irrigation controller (25% rebate, up to \$100, including purchase and professional installation) and find out more detailed information on irrigation by visiting [www.505Outside.com](http://www.505Outside.com) or send an email question to [askanexpert@abcwua.org](mailto:askanexpert@abcwua.org).

### PRO TIP: CONNECTIVITY

Weather varies dramatically within our city so it is important that your smart irrigation controller can connect to a local weather station.






Make sure the smart controller you choose will connect to your Wi-Fi. Many smart controllers can't connect to 5.0 GHz Wi-Fi. The Rachio 3 and Orbit B-Hyve 57995 are two smart controllers that connect to 5.0 GHz. The Rachio 3 is the only smart controller that connects to both 2.4 GHz and 5.0 GHz Wi-Fi.

### CRITICAL CONSIDERATIONS

To get the most benefit from your smart controller these are critical elements the controller needs to account for:

- Soil Type: affects how long & how often your controller will water.
- Plant Type: trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals & turf grass all require different amounts of water at different frequencies.
- Sprinkler Type: how you deliver water to your plants helps determine your irrigation schedule.
- Slope: slopes can easily cause run-off, particularly with turf grass. Most smart controllers adjust watering schedules through "cycle-and-soak" programs that break up the run time and eliminate overflow.
- Sun: plants often need more water the longer they are in full sun.

## BESTSELLING SMART IRRIGATION CONTROLLERS, ABQ METRO AREA (2025)

		Lets You Choose the Nearest Weather Station for Live Data	Adjustable Soil Type Settings	Adjustable Plant Type Settings	Adjustable Sprinkler Type Settings	Adjustable Slope Settings	Adjustable Sun/ Exposure Settings
	<b>RACHIO 3</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	<b>ORBIT B-HYVE 57995</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	<b>ORBIT B-HYVE 57950</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	<b>HUNTER X2 WITH WAND</b>	<b>Paid Subscription</b>	✓	✓	<b>No*</b>	✓	✓
	<b>HUNTER HPC400</b>	<b>Paid Subscription</b>	✓	✓	<b>No*</b>	✓	✓

\* Hunter does not have "Sprinkler Type" settings; they require you to choose an efficiency percentage (%) which functions similarly.