

Guide to Setting Rainbird ESP timers for Drought Restrictions

- Your Rainbird ESP timer should look something like this. It may vary a little, but the same basic functions should apply. If you're having issues with it, feel free to give us a call!



- To begin, make sure the switch at the bottom of the timer is all the way to the right as displayed in the photo.



- Now turn the dial to each day of the week that you'd like to turn off or on. Use the drought guide at the end of this manual to figure out which days need to be on or off.



- Turn the selected day on or off by tapping the “On” and “Off” buttons respectively.



- While we are at it, let's double check those runtimes. Each station has a number associated with it. For any stations that are sod watered by sprinklers, let's keep our runtimes short (3 to 5 minutes). Turn the Dial to any stations that serve the sprinklers and use the up and down arrows to adjust the amount of time those stations run.



- Now let's make sure we provide enough water for our lawns by inputting multiple start times. Turn the dial to the pink spaces on the left labeled (Program Start Times). This timer allows three different start times. Let's start with the first one labeled “1” in pink and use the up and down arrows to adjust it. Make the first start time 2:00 am and use the dial to go to the second “2” and third “3” start time and make those 3:00 am and 4:00 am respectively.



- Once finished turn your dial back to auto and make sure to come back when the drought restrictions change again.

Customer	Time Of Year	Watering Days	No Irrigation During
Residential			10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
	1st day of March – last day of April and 1st day of September – last day of October	Monday and Friday	
	1st day of May – last day of August	Monday, Wednesday, and Friday	
Non-residential (commercial, industrial, church, cemeteries, and publicly owned users)	1st day of March – last day of April and 1st day of September – last day of October	Monday and Thursday	
	1st day of May – last day of August	Monday, Thursday, and Saturday	
All	1st day of November – last day of February	Monday	
All	Drip irrigation is exempt from watering day restrictions		