



# Certified Irrigation Professionals



## WaterSense<sup>SM</sup> and Landscape Irrigation

An efficient landscape irrigation system requires not only water-efficient products, but also proper design, installation, maintenance, and auditing. EPA's new partnership program, WaterSense, recognized the importance of water-efficient irrigation practices and in October 2006 released three separate irrigation certification program specifications. These specifications cover programs for irrigation system designers, auditors, and installation/maintenance professionals. WaterSense labeled programs must meet the criteria set out by EPA and include water efficiency as a key component.

## How Are Certified Professionals Involved?

Once a certification program has been labeled by WaterSense, irrigation professionals that earn that certification may sign a partnership agreement with WaterSense and join as a program partner. Professionals who hold a valid certification from a WaterSense labeled program may sign a partnership agreement with EPA upon receipt or renewal of their certification.

Partnership agreements define the roles and responsibilities of EPA and the certified professional. For example, once certified professionals sign up as WaterSense partners, they are allowed to use the WaterSense partner logo and will be listed on EPA's national Web site.



## Why Join WaterSense?

Joining WaterSense as a program partner helps irrigation professionals distinguish themselves from competitors by promoting their commitment to water efficiency and use of water-efficient irrigation practices in the field. In addition, certified landscape irrigation professionals who are WaterSense partners will receive national recognition from EPA.

By choosing an irrigation professional that is a WaterSense partner, residential and commercial customers know they're getting an irrigation system designer, installation/maintenance professional, or auditor who can help them reduce water use while maintaining the perfect landscape.