

Irrigation Controllers

You're installing a system and need to know what irrigation controller would work best for you application. Each have different costs and have different features, have a look at your options here.

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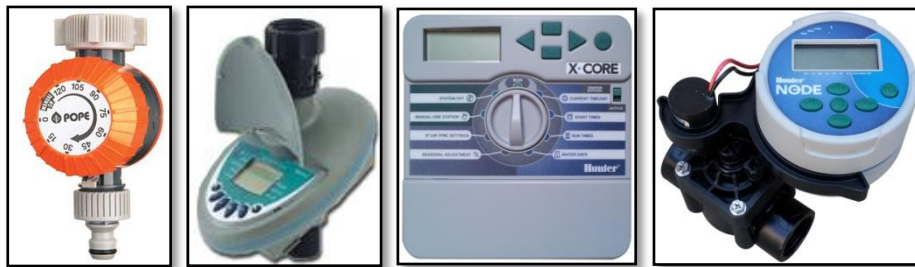


Irrigation Controllers: Choosing the Right Controller for your Garden

With so many different Controller options to choose from, it's important to know firstly, which controller is right for you & secondly, why! This can save you money and ensure your garden is watered effectively.

The first step is knowing the area you wish to water, is it a small garden bed, a courtyard area or a whole garden? Do you have a power point available? How many 'zones' will be needed for watering?

The next step is knowing the main types of Controllers: [Tap Timers](#), [Tap Computers](#), [AC Powered Controllers](#) and [Battery Powered Solenoid Valves](#).



That may sound confusing but don't worry, the key differences are explained below.

Tap Timers

Tap Timers are the most basic of all controller systems, The [Pope 2 Hour Tap Timer](#) (see right) is the most common. Good for watering small areas, simply connect your hose or tube, turn your tap on manually twist the dial to the desired time to set the watering duration and the timer will automatically shut off and that end of that time. It is a very simple and cost effective solution to a watering problem but still requires manual operation every time it is used.



Tap Computers

Tap Computers are a level above Tap Timers, being fully automatic & battery powered they are ideal for single zones especially where no power points are available. Screwing straight onto a standard & easily programmable, it is effectively 'set and forget', just remember to change the battery once a year. Another note is to remember to choose a Computer that is compliant to your states water restrictions. The [Galcon 9001](#) (see right) is the best choice for Victoria.



AC Powered Controllers

Controllers are a step up again, perfect for automatic watering of entire gardens. With indoor or outdoor options, they can be hardwired or plugged into a power point depending on the situation. Also depending on the size of your garden, Controllers are available with different zone capacities, from the [Orbit Watermaster 4 station Indoor Controller](#) to the Modular Hunter I-Core Controller which can automatically control 6 to 42 Zones. And with the built in memory they are protected from blackouts so it truly is a case of 'set and forget'. Sunshower's Favourite Controllers are the [Hunter X-Core](#) (see right). It is the most cost effective way to water multiple zones.



Battery Powered Solenoid Valves

Much like the Tap Computers, Battery Powered Solenoid Valves are perfect for areas where no power is available. These valves are different to normal Solenoid Valves in that they come with their own Automatic Controller attached, ready for programming. The [Galcon 7001](#) & [Hunter Node](#) (see right) are made for watering single zones, but the Hunter Node also has models to suit up to 6 zones. They are simple to program and save you the cost of installing a power point.



WARNING! Avoid Cheap Imitations

Saving money on a cheap irrigation controller may seem like a bright idea at the time, but doing so usually leads to problems down the track and even more money spent.

- Leaking Seals
- Cracked Plastic
- Hard/Impossible to Program
- Not Turning On
- Program Resetting
- Display Freezing
- Shorting Circuitry
- Not Turning Off

There are too many unfortunate cases where customers walk in with cheap controllers needing replacement. All of our controllers come with warranties and are made to the highest standard to avoid problems for you down in the future.

SunshowerOnline sells only the highest quality Irrigation Controllers, we use all of the trusted brands to make sure your system works first time everytime!