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# LAWN, SEED & IRRIGATION PERMIT APPLICATION

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To establish a lawn or replace an existing one and/or install or replace an existing irrigation system; applicants MUST complete this application if:

### LAWN PERMIT

- Areas 250 sq. ft. or greater of new turf grass areas
- Areas 250 sq. ft. or greater of turf grass replacement
- Project occurs any time of the year

### IRRIGATION PERMIT

- Any new installation
- Any replacement or update of an existing system
- Any addition to system (e.g., front yard to back)
- Project occurs any time of the year

### APPLICATION STEPS AND REQUIREMENTS OF PROJECTS:

- Submit and pay for permit application
- Complete irrigation system if appropriate
- Prepare turf grass area with minimum of 4 cubic yards/1000 sq. ft. with compost – Rototilled 4-6 inches deep. A list of acceptable compost can be found at [aurorawater.org](http://aurorawater.org). **Load tickets are required.** Email your compost receipt to [loadtickets@auroragov.org](mailto:loadtickets@auroragov.org)

### PLEASE COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION

With your permit, you are allowed to water new sod and seed as needed and between 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. New seed is granted a watering exemption for 30 days, and new sod is granted a watering exemption for 20 days.

HOMEOWNER INFORMATION			CONTRACTOR INFORMATION			
Name			Name			
Address			Address			
City	State	ZIP	City	State	ZIP	
Phone	Cell		Phone	Cell		
Email			Email			
PERMIT ADDRESS			Seed/Sod	Sq./Ft. Seed/Sod	Location Front/Back/Both	New Irrigation Yes/No
TYPE OF PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-family <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Streetscape <input type="checkbox"/> Common Area						

By checking this box, I certify that I will comply with the City of Aurora’s Lawn Permit and Irrigation Ordinances. I am aware that watering new sod/seed may result in an increase in my normal monthly water usage and that this permit does not exempt me from any charges incurred under the existing Aurora Water rate structure. I am aware that watering guidelines may be altered.

Owner/Agent \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBMIT**



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# IRRIGATION STANDARDS

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## PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

- If needed, complete irrigation system
- Prepare turf grass area
  - Add a minimum of 4 cubic yards/1,000 square feet with compost
  - A list of acceptable compost can be found at [AuroraWater.org](http://AuroraWater.org)
  - Rototill compost 4-6 inches deep
  - Load tickets are required
  - Email your compost receipt to [loadtickets@auroragov.org](mailto:loadtickets@auroragov.org)

In accordance with Ordinance No. 2004-75 and Irrigation Standards Sec. 138-192:

- Commercial and large property irrigation systems require irrigation plans review
- Single family detached and duplex developments
  - Do not require an irrigation plans review
  - Must adhere to irrigation equipment requirements and inspections

The following describes the basic requirements of the ordinance.

### POP-UP SPRAY HEADS

#### Need to be:

- 4" for turf areas
- 6" for curb side (adjacent to street)
- 12" for flower and groundcover beds

#### Must have:

- Built in check valve & pressure-regulating stem

### ROTOR HEADS

#### Must have:

- Surface diameter of less than 2"
- Minimum pop-up height of 4"
- Check valve built into bottom of body

### CONTROLLERS (CLOCK/TIMER)

#### Must have:

- Multiple programs and start times
- Water budgeting and/or spray and soak features
- Memory retention
- Battery backup
- Flexible day programming for any intervals

### REQUIRED ON ALL IRRIGATION SYSTEMS

- Rain sensor (automatic rain shut-off)
- All systems require backflow prevention

## IRRIGATION EQUIPMENT EXAMPLES

### POP-UP SPRAY HEADS

MFG	MODEL
Rainbird	1800-SAM-PRS
Hunter	PRS-PRS30 with check valve
Toro	570Z-PRX with check valve

### ROTOR HEADS

MFG	MODEL
Hunter	PGJ-04-V (check valve must be added)
Hunter	PGP Ultra-04-V (check valve must be added)
Hunter	I-10/I-20
Rainbird	5000+ SAM
Rainbird	3500-SAM

NOTE: The city of Aurora does not endorse or recommend the use of specific irrigation products or vendors. The chart above provides examples of products or vendors that meet the Irrigation Standards Ordinance. Other materials may meet the requirements.

**BACKFLOW TESTING: 303.326.8129**  
**ALL OTHER IRRIGATION QUESTIONS: 303.739.7195**