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Setting Your Rain Bird ESP-TM2 Timer

A plain-language guide from your MTP irrigation team

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The ESP-TM2 is the wall-mounted Rain Bird timer with a large **turning dial**. You choose what to set by turning the dial, then make changes with the buttons. Six steps and you're done.

The controls you'll use

DIAL picks what you're setting

- **+** change the blinking number (hold to scroll fast)

◀ **▶** Back / Next — move to the next item

Program Select switches between Program A, B and C

I Set the date and time

1. Turn the dial to **DATE/TIME**.
2. Press **◀** or **▶** to choose the part that blinks — year, month, day, hour or minute.
3. Press **-** or **+** to change it. Work through each one.

Double-check **AM / PM**. A clock that's 12 hours off waters in the middle of the afternoon.

2 Choose your program

The timer holds three schedules: Program **A, B and C**. Most homes only need **Program A**. While the dial is on Start Times, Run Times or Run Days, press **Program Select** to see which program you're changing — keep it on A unless we've set your system up with more than one.

3 Set the start time

1. Turn the dial to **START TIMES**.
2. Press **-** or **+** to set when watering begins (early morning is best).
3. Only want it to run once a day? You're finished with this step. Press **▶** only if you want a second, third or fourth cycle.

One start time waters every zone, one after another. You do not need a separate start time for each zone — extra start times make the whole yard water again.

4 Set how long each zone runs

1. Turn the dial to **RUN TIMES**.
2. Press **◀** or **▶** to pick a zone (station number).
3. Press **-** or **+** to set its minutes. Repeat for every zone you use.

Run times can be anything from 1 minute to 6 hours. Not sure what your lawn needs? Call us — we know your zones.



5 Pick your watering days

1. Turn the dial to **RUN DAYS**.
2. The current day blinks. Press **+** to water that day or **-** to skip it — the timer moves to the next day on its own.
3. Use **◀** or **▶** to jump back or ahead a day.

Careful after Sunday: pressing **▶** past Sunday switches the timer to **Cyclic** watering (every 2 days, every 3 days and so on). If that isn't what you want, press **◀** to go back to choosing days of the week.

Many Metro Area water providers limit which days and hours you may water. Check your provider's current rules before you pick days. The timer can also water on odd or even dates only — call us if your provider requires that and we'll set it.

6 Turn the dial to AUTO RUN

Turn the dial to **AUTO RUN** and leave it there. That's it — your timer will now water on its own. While a zone is running you'll see a blinking sprinkler symbol and the time left.

If the dial is left on **OFF**, nothing will water. OFF is the right setting for winter or when you'll be away.

Handy extras

- **Seasonal Adjust** (dial: **SEASONAL ADJUST**) — turn every run time up or down at once, from 5% to 200%. Set 50% and a 10-minute zone runs 5. Great for spring and fall.
- **Test your zones** (dial: **MANUAL STATION**) — run all zones or a single zone right now to check heads.
- **Rain delay** — pause watering for up to 14 days; it's set from the AUTO RUN position. Watering picks back up on its own.
- **Rain sensor** (dial: **SENSOR**) — choose whether the timer listens to a rain sensor, if you have one.

Common hiccups

- **Watering at the wrong time?** Check AM / PM on both the clock and the start time.
- **Watering twice?** An extra start time was added. Remove starts 2-4 on the Start Times screen.
- **Not watering at all?** Make sure the dial is on AUTO RUN, not OFF, and the main water to the system is on.
- **Screen blank or frozen?** Check that it's plugged in. Your schedule stays saved in memory.

Rather we set it for you?

Give us a call and we'll program your timer, check every zone and leave it ready to run.

Arrange your appointment today: calendly.com/metropolitan-total-property

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