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*Model: ARC6 | Brand: Rain Bird*

## PRODUCT OVERVIEW

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The Rain Bird ARC6 is an app-based indoor smart irrigation WiFi timer/controller designed for 6-zone/station sprinkler systems. It is EPA WaterSense Certified, ensuring efficient water usage, and is compatible with smart home systems like Amazon Alexa and Google Assistant. This controller provides total control of your sprinkler system from your mobile device, allowing you to set, monitor, and adjust schedules from anywhere in the world.

### Key Features:

- Indoor WiFi timer for mobile app control.
- Set, monitor, and adjust schedules remotely.
- Activate schedules, delay watering, view upcoming schedules, and check local weather forecasts.
- Automatic water usage reduction up to 30% based on local weather.
- Compatible with Amazon Alexa, Google Assistant, Apple iOS 8+, and Android 6.0+.
- Controls 6 zones with up to 12 total start times across 3 individual programs (A, B, C).
- Customizable watering days (days of week, odd/even, cyclic).
- Seasonal Adjust feature to modify run times (5% to 200%).
- Watering Delay function for 1 to 14 days.
- Manual watering for individual or all zones.
- Notifications for programming changes, valve malfunctions, WiFi disconnections, and potential freezes.



The Rain Bird ARC6 controller with its intuitive mobile app interface.

## Smart home compatible

Use your voice to control sprinkler systems when connected to Amazon Alexa or Google Assistant.



The Rain Bird app simplifies smart watering, allowing schedule activation, watering delays, and weather forecast checks.



**Easy to Install**  
Replaces most irrigation  
controllers in less than 30  
minutes.

The ARC6 meets EPA WaterSense criteria, ensuring water efficiency.

Available for indoor or outdoor installation and multiple station counts for ultimate system flexibility.



8 Station Outdoor

6 Station Indoor

Watering Delay feature automatically skips scheduled watering based on upcoming rain.



The controller is smart home compatible, allowing voice control via Amazon Alexa or Google Assistant.

### Official Product Video:

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This video provides a promotional overview of the ARC Series Smart Controller, highlighting its key features and benefits.

## SETUP GUIDE

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### 1. Pre-Installation Considerations

Before beginning installation, ensure you have a suitable indoor mounting location. The controller should be within 6 feet of an AC power outlet and away from major appliances or air conditioners to minimize Wi-Fi interference. Verify your Wi-Fi signal strength at the chosen location using your mobile device. If the signal is weak, consider moving the controller or your router closer, or adding a Wi-Fi signal booster. The controller requires a 2.4 GHz Wi-Fi network.



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READ AND SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

Feature	Description
Maximum zones	6
Automatic programs	4
Start time per program	4
Custom water days	Yes
Master valve control	Yes
Rain delay	Yes
Rain freeze sensor (optional)	Yes
Seasonal adjust	Yes
Manual zone run	Yes
Manual program run	Yes
Manual start of zones	Yes
Build-in timer	Yes
Zone advance	Yes
Backflow preventer	Yes
AP hotspot	Yes

### Installation If You're Replacing an Existing Controller

- Take a photo of the wiring details, which will be useful as a reference when installing the new controller.
- Disconnect the power wires from the power outlet and disconnect wires from the controller.

### Mount New Controller

#### WARNING

- DO NOT place power and earth/ground wires together in the same conduit.
  - DO NOT always link two or more controllers together using single conductors.
- Choose a mounting location on an wall with sufficient clearance for the mounting screws. The controller should be installed above the water level of any open water and into a sealed cover through the upper hole and into the sealed cover through the lower hole and into the sealed cover through the lower hole.
  - Secure the keyhole slot on back of the controller and the mounting screws.
  - Remove the wire bag cover on the lower part of the controller and drive a second screw through the upper hole and into the sealed cover through the lower hole.

### Connect Valve Wiring

#### NOTICE

- DO NOT make any wire connections to the open terminals.
  - DO NOT connect wires that are not intended for the same terminal.
- With the wire cover removed, route the wire through the openings at the bottom of the controller and into the wiring compartment.
  - Connect one wire from each valve to one of the terminal block terminals (1-4) on the controller.
  - Connect a field common wire to the common terminal (5) on the controller.

### Connect Rain/Freeze Sensor (Optional)

#### NOTICE

- DO NOT remove the program wires connected to the sensor.
  - DO NOT connect the sensor wires to the controller until the power is removed.
- Remove the yellow jumper wire from the SENS terminals on the controller.

### 2. Connect both rain or rain/freeze sensor wires to the SENS terminals.



### 3. For detailed installation and operation of rain or rain/freeze sensor refer to sensor manufacturer's installation instructions.

### Connect Master Valve (optional)

#### NOTICE

- DO NOT use the master valve wires through the same conduit as the program wires.
  - DO NOT connect more than one wire to the master valve terminal.
- Using a direct burial cable, connect one of the wires from the master valve to the master valve terminal (6).
  - Connect the remaining wire from the master valve to the common terminal (5).

### Set Date and Time

#### NOTICE

- When the controller is connected to WiFi, it will automatically set the date and time according to the local WiFi network settings. In the event of a power outage, the date and time will default to the factory default settings.
- If a local WiFi network is not available at setup and the controller is connected to the Rain Bird Edge AP Hotspot mode, the controller will default to the date and time on the mobile device settings. In the event of a power outage, the date and time will default to the factory default settings by re-connecting the controller to your mobile device through the AP Hotspot mode.

### Create a Watering Schedule

#### ADD PROGRAMS

- This controller is scheduled using up to four independent start times per program. The start times in the order of day which the program will begin. Each start time runs on every zone as scheduled.
- In the Rain Bird app, add a new program by selecting a "PM" and an available program.

#### NOTICE

- DO NOT remove the controller from the Rain Bird app until the controller has been reprogrammed.
- Programming is done via satellite internet and will require an internet connection in order to power up.

### KEY PROGRAM START TIMES

#### NOTICE

- Start times apply to the entire program, not individual zones. Scheduling a program to start at a certain time will affect the entire program. Once the first time for any zone is scheduled, the program will run on the first zone on the other zones in the program.

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### Connect Power

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- Remove the yellow jumper wire from the SENS terminals on the controller.

### Programming Add a New Controller to the Rain Bird App

- Verify internet signal strength of your network near your phone at controller.
- Mount controller in a location with an internet signal booster if needed.
- Install and configure the Rain Bird app.

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### Manual Watering ON THE CONTROLLER

- To start manual watering, press the 4 button.
- As a default, each zone will run for 10 minutes.
- Press 1-4 to select the zone you want to water.
- Press 5 to stop manual watering on the controller.
- Press 6 to stop manual watering on the controller.
- Press 7 to stop manual watering on the controller.
- Press 8 to stop manual watering on the controller.
- Press 9 to stop manual watering on the controller.
- Press 0 to stop manual watering on the controller.

### IN RAIN BIRD APP

- To start manual watering, select the 4 icon and select manual watering preference.
- To advance to the next zone, select the 5 icon.
- To stop manual watering on the controller, press the 6 icon.

### Automatic Watering ON THE CONTROLLER

- When in automatic mode, each program will run according to the start times, duration and watering rate.
- Press 1-4 to select the zone you want to water.
- Press 5 to start automatic watering according to scheduled programs.
- Press 6 to stop automatic watering on the controller.
- Press 7 to stop automatic watering on the controller.
- Press 8 to stop automatic watering on the controller.
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### IN RAIN BIRD APP

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- To stop manual watering on the controller, press the 6 icon.

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### Lawn Sprinkler Control | Control de aspersores de jardín | Contrôle de l'arrosage des pelouses



- AUTOMATIC WATERING** Watering occurs automatically according to programmed schedules. **ARRIGGIO AUTOMATICO** L'arrosaggio si produce automaticamente secondo gli orari programmati. **ARRIGGIO AUTOMATICO** L'arrosaggio se produit automatiquement selon les horaires programmés.
- OFF** Call or call active watering immediately and disable automatic watering. **DISATTIVO** Chiamata o chiamata attiva immediatamente per disattivare l'arrosaggio automatico. **DESACTIVAR** Anuncie inmediatamente todos los arrosos activos y desactive l'arrosaggio automatico.
- MANUAL WATERING** Call or call active watering immediately for all zones in sequence. **ARRIGGIO MANUALE** Chiamata o chiamata attiva immediatamente per tutte le zone in sequenza. **ARRIGGIO MANUELO** Anuncie inmediatamente todas las zonas de riego en secuencia.
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### LED Status on Controller

LED	ACTION
STATUS flashing blue	Quick Pair broadcast mode
STATUS flashing red and green	All hotspot broadcast mode
STATUS solid green	WiFi broadcast mode
STATUS flashing red	Not connected
AUTO solid green	Automatic watering active
OFF solid green	

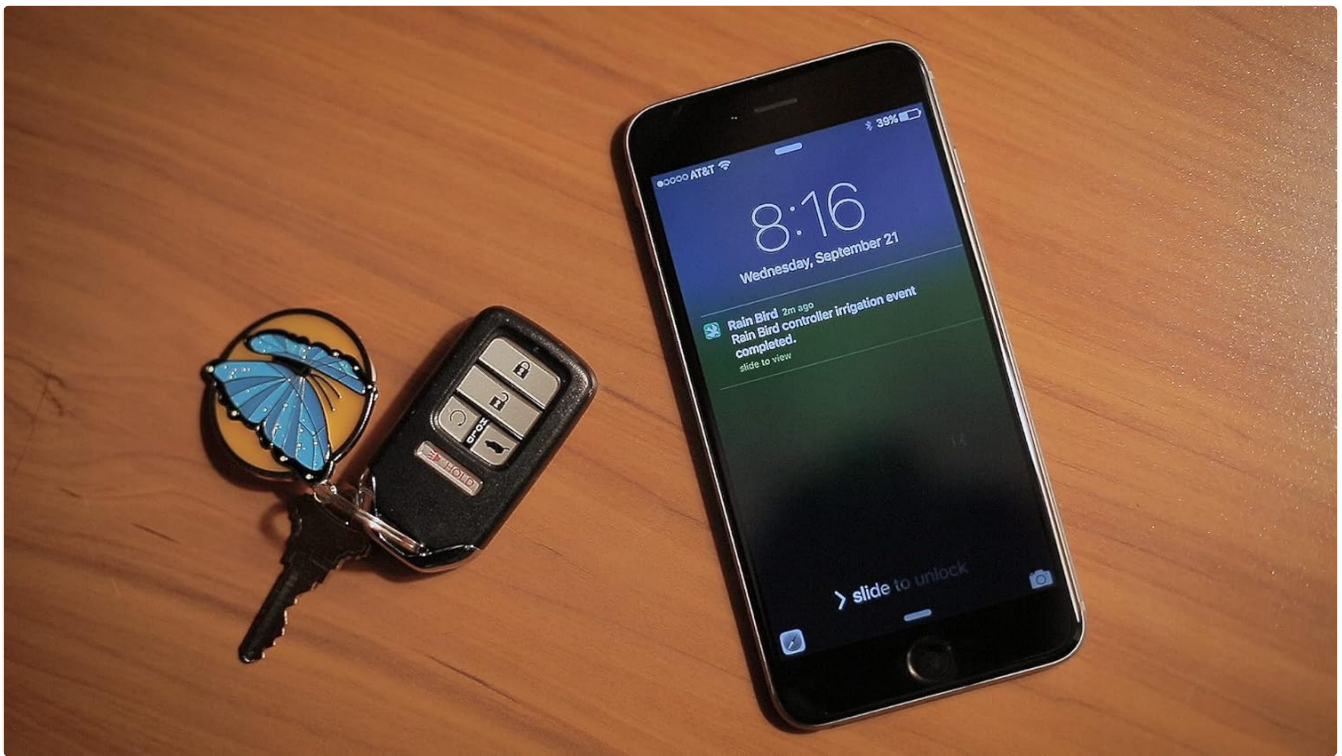


The ARC6 controller is designed for easy installation, replacing most irrigation controllers in less than 30 minutes.

### 3. Wiring the Controller

Route all field wires through the opening at the bottom of the controller. Connect one wire from each valve to one of the numbered zone terminals (1-6) on the controller. Connect the common wire (usually white) to the common terminal marked 'C'.

**Important:** Do not route power wires through the same opening as valve wires. Do not remove the yellow jumper wire unless you are installing a Rain/Freeze sensor, as the controller will not function without it or a connected sensor.



Detailed view of the ARC6 wiring terminals for zone and common connections. For additional help, scan the QR code:  
<https://qrs.ly/iud9t2b>

## Hardwire Installation Video:

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This video details the hardwire connection process for the Rain Bird ARC8 WiFi Smart Controller, applicable for ARC6 models.

## 4. Power Connection

The ARC6 is an indoor model and connects via the included 6-foot transformer power cord. Plug the power cord into a 120VAC outlet. The status light on the front of the controller should start flashing blue, indicating it is powered up and ready to connect.

## 5. App Setup and Wi-Fi Connection

Download the Rain Bird app from your device's app store (Apple iOS 8 or greater, Android 6.0 or later). Open the app, select "Add Controller," and choose the ARC Series. Follow the on-screen prompts to connect the controller to your 2.4 GHz Wi-Fi network and set up a password for remote access.



Control your irrigation system directly from your mobile device with the Rain Bird app.

## OPERATING YOUR RAIN BIRD ARC6

### 1. Scheduling and Programming

Use the intuitive Rain Bird mobile app to create and manage your watering schedules. You can set up to 3 individual programs (A, B, C) per zone, with up to 4 start times per program, for a total of 12 start times. Run times can be set from 1 minute to 6 hours. Customize zones with names, pictures, frequency, start times, and run times.

### 2. Smart Watering Features

- **Seasonal Adjust:** Automatically reduces or increases run times from 5% to 200% based on local weather forecasts and historical averages, saving water.
- **Watering Delay:** Suspends watering for 1 to 14 days, automatically resuming once the delay ends. Useful for preventing overwatering after rainfall.
- **Manual Watering:** Initiate watering for a single zone or all zones for a specified duration directly from the app or

the controller panel.

- **Notifications:** Receive alerts for programming changes, valve malfunctions, Wi-Fi network disconnections, incorrect date/time, or possible freeze conditions.



The Rain Bird app allows for easy manual control of individual zones.

ARC6i

# RAIN BIRD®

## SMART IRRIGATION CONTROLLER CONTROLADOR DE RIEGO INTELIGENTE PROGRAMMATEUR D'IRRIGATION INTELLIGENT



Self-Adjusting Technology Reduces Water Usage Up To 30%  
Automatically skips or adjusts daily watering duration based on:

- Historical weather averages
  - Yesterday's known weather
  - Tomorrow's weather forecast
- Check with your local water authority for applicable rebates.

Tecnología de autoajuste, reduce el consumo de agua hasta un 30 %  
Omite o ajusta automáticamente la duración del riego diariamente en base a:

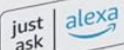
- Promedios históricos de clima
  - Clima del día anterior
  - Pronóstico del clima del día siguiente
- Verifique con su autoridad de agua local para reembolsos aplicables.

Technologie auto-ajustable réduit la consommation d'eau jusqu'à 30 %  
Sauts ou ajuste automatiquement la durée de l'arrosage quotidien en fonction des/la :

- Moyennes météorologiques historiques
  - Météo connue d'hier
  - Prévisions météorologiques pour demain
- Vérifiez auprès de votre service des eaux local les remises applicables.



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6 STATIONS  
ESTACIONES  
STATIONS



INDOOR MOUNTING  
MONTAJE EN INTERIORES  
INSTALLATION À L'INTERIEUR

Monitor the status of active watering zones directly from your phone.



**Simply Smart Watering**

Use your mobile device to set, monitor and adjust schedules from anywhere. Use your voice to control sprinklers when connected to smart home systems.

**Riego Simply Smart**

Use su dispositivo móvil para configurar, monitorear y cambiar horarios desde cualquier lugar. Use su voz para controlar los aspersores cuando están conectados a sistemas de casa inteligente.

**Arrosage tout simplement intelligent**

Utilisez votre appareil mobile pour régler, surveiller et ajuster les horaires de n'importe quel endroit. Utilisez votre voix pour contrôler les arroseurs lorsqu'ils sont connectés aux systèmes domotiques intelligents.



**Greater scheduling flexibility**  
Keep your lawn healthy with three individual programs (A, B, C) and four start times per program.

**Mayor flexibilidad de programación**  
Mantenga su césped saludable con tres programas individuales (A, B, C) y cuatro horarios de inicio por programa.

**Une plus grande souplesse dans les horaires**  
Gardez votre pelouse en bonne santé grâce à trois programmes individuels (A, B, C) et quatre heures de démarrage par programme.



**Powerful water features**  
Easily meet regional watering restrictions with advanced features like notifications, custom program cycles, rain delay and more.

**Poderosos accesorios para el agua**  
Cumpla fácilmente las restricciones federales de riego con herramientas avanzadas como notificaciones, programas de ciclos personalizados, retraso por lluvia y más.

**Des fonctionnalités d'eau puissantes**  
Respectez facilement les restrictions d'arrosage régionales avec des fonctions avancées comme les notifications, cycles de programmes personnalisés, retardement de la pluie et plus encore.



**Convenient access sharing**  
Safely share control for a specified time with family members or landscaping and maintenance professionals that may wish to adjust programming or make system repairs.

**Conveniente compartición de acceso**  
Comparta el control en forma segura para una hora especificada con familiares o profesionales de paisajismo, así como de mantenimiento que pueden desear ajustar la programación o hacer reparaciones al sistema.

**Partage d'accès pratique**  
Partagez en toute sécurité le contrôle pour une durée déterminée avec les membres de la famille ou l'aménagement paysager et les professionnels de l'entretien qui peuvent souhaiter ajuster la programmation ou effectuer des réparations sur le système.



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Receive timely notifications about irrigation events and system status.

**MAINTENANCE**

Regularly check your sprinkler system for leaks or damaged components. Ensure the controller's power connection is secure. Keep the controller's exterior clean and free from dust. Periodically check the Rain Bird app for software updates to ensure optimal performance and access to new features.

For detailed maintenance procedures for your irrigation system components (valves, sprinklers), refer to their respective manuals.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

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### Common Issues and Solutions:

- **No Power/Controller Not Responding:** Check the power cord connection and the circuit breaker. Ensure the outlet is functional.
- **Wi-Fi Disconnection:** Verify your 2.4 GHz Wi-Fi network is active and the signal strength at the controller's location is adequate. Restart your router and the controller if necessary.
- **Zones Not Watering:** Check wiring connections for each zone and the common wire. Ensure the master valve (if installed) is functioning correctly. Verify schedules are active and not suspended by a watering delay or sensor.
- **Valve Malfunction Notifications:** Inspect the specific valve for physical damage or blockages. Consult a professional if the issue persists.
- **App Connectivity Issues:** Ensure your mobile device's Bluetooth is enabled during initial setup. Check for app updates.

For more in-depth troubleshooting, refer to the official Rain Bird user manual (PDF) available online or contact Rain Bird customer support.

## SPECIFICATIONS

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Feature	Detail
Model Number	ARC6
Brand	Rain Bird
Zones/Stations	6
Installation Type	Indoor Only
Power Input	120VAC ( $\pm 10\%$ ) @ 60Hz
Power Output	24 VAC
Wi-Fi Support	2.4 GHz 802.11b/g/n channels
Certifications	UL/cUL, FCC Part 15b, IP24, EPA WaterSense Certified by ICC-ES, CAN ICES-3(B)/NMB-3(B)
Product Dimensions	1.69 x 6.63 x 6.57 inches
Item Weight	2.5 pounds
Included Components	Timer, 6' power cord, Transformer, User manual
Color	Gray and Green
Operating Temperature	Up to 122 Degrees Fahrenheit

Feature	Detail
UPC	077985085315

## COMPATIBLE ACCESSORIES

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The Rain Bird ARC6 controller is designed to work seamlessly with various irrigation accessories to enhance its functionality and water-saving capabilities.

- **Rain/Freeze Sensors:** Automatically pause irrigation during rain or freezing temperatures. While not required for operation, they can significantly conserve water. (Rain sensor CPRSDBEX sold separately).
- **Master Valve:** Controls the main water supply to the irrigation system, preventing leaks when zones are not active.
- **Pump Start Relay:** Used for systems that rely on a pump to supply water, ensuring the pump activates only when watering is scheduled.

### Accessories Overview Video:

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This video highlights various accessories compatible with the ARC Series controllers.

### Connecting Accessories Video:

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This video demonstrates how to connect various accessories, including rain/freeze sensors, master valves, and pump start relays, to your Rain Bird ARC Series controller.

## SUPPORT & WARRANTY

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For technical assistance, troubleshooting, or warranty information, please visit the official Rain Bird website or contact their customer support. Rain Bird is committed to "The Intelligent Use of Water".

You can also refer to the comprehensive [User Manual \(PDF\)](#) for detailed instructions and diagrams.

For additional help, scan the QR code found on the controller or in the quick reference guide <https://qrs.ly/iud9t2b>