



Winner: **ET Water Systems**

Award Category: **Greenscape Management**

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Why ET Water Systems was chosen for this Award

ET Water Systems has developed a comprehensive irrigation management system that incorporates smart irrigation controllers, wireless connectivity, real-time weather data obtained from an exclusive network of 10,000 weather stations, and cloud-based servers and web services. Using these components, and incorporating the science of evapotranspiration (ET) along with weather and rainfall, ET Water calculates the proper amount of water needed for each landscape, and communicates that information wirelessly to smart irrigation controllers. This reduces landscape water usage by up to 50% versus conventional controllers and systems. As a result, ET Water saves its many customers in Silicon Valley more than 315 million gallons of water per year.

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) is a great example of a customer who chose ET Water's smart irrigation controllers to provide weather-based irrigation control to its Light Rail Station Park and Ride facilities, along with its corporate campus in San Jose. This has saved VTA an estimated 18 million gallons of water per year.

In addition to its original award-winning smart controllers, ET Water has released a number of accessories and retrofit products that allow users to convert their conventional landscape irrigation systems into "smart" systems capable of communicating with ET Water's servers and weather-based irrigation management solutions. HermitCrab, their newest product, can be installed in less than 10 minutes and is priced at approximately 35% of a fully-configured ET Water smart controller.

ET Water also allows users to control their irrigation systems in real time from their web-connected computers, or from their smart phones, through a wireless remote control service called QuickDraw.