

# Naturally Greener

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Newsletter from your friends at Quality Services.

## The EPA WaterSense Program.

Many of our customers have been asking what the EPA WaterSense program is and how it can affect them. In this issue of Naturally Greener, we address some common questions.

**What is Water Sense?** WaterSense is a partnership program sponsored by EPA.

This program seeks to protect the future of our nation's water supply by promoting water efficiency and enhancing the market for water-efficient products, programs, and practices.

WaterSense will help consumers identify water-efficient products and programs. The WaterSense label will indicate that these products and programs meet water efficiency and performance criteria. WaterSense is partnering with irrigation professionals and irrigation certification programs to promote water-efficient landscape irrigation practices.



### What is a Water Sense Partner?

WaterSense irrigation partners can help you reduce your water consumption, save money, and maintain a healthy and beautiful landscape. These professionals are certified through WaterSense labeled programs for their expertise in water-efficient irrigation technology and techniques. If homeowners with irrigation systems hired WaterSense irrigation partners to perform regular maintenance, each household could reduce water used for irrigation by 15 percent, or about 9,000 gallons annually. WaterSense irrigation partners also can help you design and install a new irrigation system or audit an existing one to minimize the amount of water you use, greening your yard in more ways than one.

Quality Services owner John Newlin and irrigation manager Brian Lance are both EPA WaterSense Partners! Look for this logo next to your contractor's name to see if they are a EPA WaterSense Partner.



**How can I make my landscape more water efficient?** Weather- or sensor-based irrigation control technology uses local weather and landscape conditions to tailor irrigation schedules to actual conditions on the site or historical weather data. Instead of irrigating according to a preset schedule, advanced irrigation controllers allow irrigation to more closely match the water requirements of plants. The Solar Sync by Hunter Industries is an EPA WaterSense labeled product.



Hunter Industries Solar Sync

**Where can I read more?** Visit <http://epa.gov/watersense/index.htm>

To find more information on products and services that meet WaterSense standards.

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### Did you Know?

- Between 1950 and 2000, the U.S. population nearly doubled. However, in that same period, public demand for water more than tripled
- The United States uses about 346 million gallons of fresh water every day.
- The United States uses nearly 80 percent of its water for irrigation and thermoelectric power.
- The total amount of water on the earth is about 326 million cubic miles of water.

### Employee Profile



**Brian Lance-Irrigation Manager**  
**CIC, CIA, CLIA, EPA WaterSense Partner.** Brian has 13 years

experience in the irrigation industry, 11 with Quality Services. Brian's expertise includes large commercial properties such as Crocker Park, water conservation and sprinkler system troubleshooting. Brian's skills and experience are a valuable asset to the Quality Services team.

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Storm Water Runoff

Annual Water Costs in Northeast Ohio

### Some things to think about...

Many men go fishing all of their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after.

~Henry David Thoreau

Alice came to a fork in the road. "Which road do I take?" she asked.

"Where do you want to go?" responded the Cheshire cat.

"I don't know," Alice answered.

"Then," said the cat, "it doesn't matter."

~Lewis Carroll, *Alice in*

*Wonderland*

Tomorrow always comes, and today is never yesterday.

~S.A. Sachs