Brookhaven Town Board Votes in Support of Councilwoman Kepert’s Legislation to Require the Installation of Rain Sensors
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**Farmingville, NY** – On October 1, an amendment sponsored by Councilwoman Connie Kepert to require all new inground irrigation systems to have a rain sensor, was approved by the Brookhaven Town Board. Rain sensors are an important addition to a sprinkler system which detects when it rains and prevents the automatic sprinkler system from turning on.

“Rain sensors conserve water and prevent nutrients and fertilizers from washing away into the ground water,” stated Councilwoman Kepert.

When a plant is overwatered, the nutrients from the plant or turf wash away into the drainage system. Homeowners then have to compensate by adding additional fertilizer. “A simple rain sensor will help homeowners save money,” stated Kepert.

Rain sensors are small devices wired to the irrigation system controller and mounted in an open area where they are exposed to rainfall. When a specific amount of rainfall has occurred, the rain sensor will interrupt the system and prevent it from turning on until the sensor is dry.

The cost of a rain sensor is minimal and the sensor takes less than an hour to install. Rain sensors are currently required by law to be installed on all new lawn sprinkler systems in Florida, New Jersey, Minnesota, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, and most parts of Texas.

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