You know what really bugs me about irrigation? Bugs! Insects are probably the greatest reason electronic satellite components are sent in for repair. How many times have you found earwigs, spiders, and other insects crawling around in your irrigation satellites? You know why – because it's usually warmer, and dryer inside the satellite than anywhere else they can hang out.

So, what can we do to help save ourselves a lot of money each year out of our irrigation budget? If we can decrease the amount of insects in our satellites, then hopefully, we should be able to decrease the amount of money we spend on irrigation controller repairs!

Every spring and fall, your irrigation technician should be going through all of the satellites on the course, and giving them a good cleaning. Once your satellites are properly cleaned, you should put some granular insecticide in the base of each satellite, as well as maybe put some mothballs (urinal cakes work well too!), or other type of insect control in the base.

The twice yearly cleaning, as well as the insecticide will help keep the insects from overtaking your irrigation satellites as quickly as they normally do. This small investment of time can save you not only money, but also the headaches of troubleshooting your irrigation system!