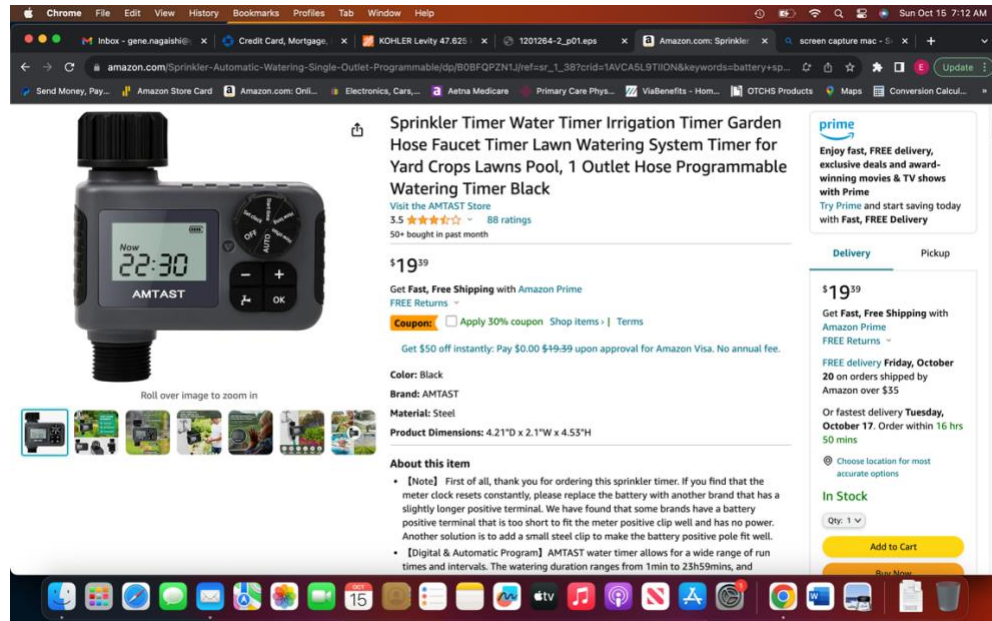


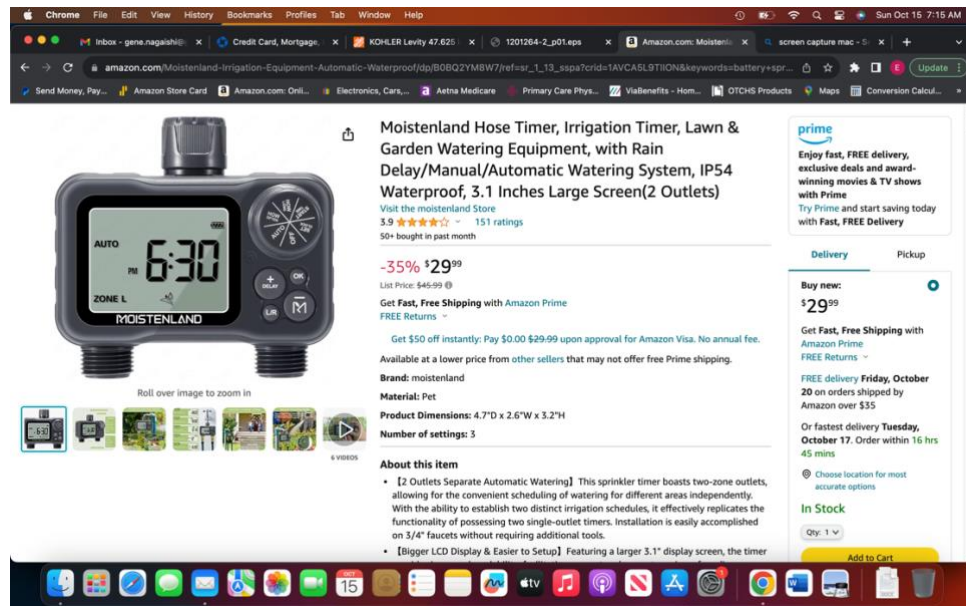
Adapting your current drip line to your personal water.

There are several ways in which to hook up an existing drip line to a hose bib (outdoor faucet). Some things to consider are:

- Do you want the watering to be automatic or manual? Automatic would mean purchasing a sprinkler controller, or timer. The timer could either be battery operated (preferred) or plugged into an external electrical outlet.



- The manual method would require you to go outside and manually turn the faucet on to start watering and then turn the faucet off to stop watering.
- If you choose to go the automatic watering method (most popular) then you will need to decide to how you want to water your beds. Most homeowners would just need basic functionality including setting watering start times, how long to water for each day, and which days to water. Timer prices can start as low as \$15 and up (way up!). It just depends on what kind of features you prefer or even the manufacturer.
 - The timer will screw onto your faucet hook up. Most homeowners have faucets with only one hose hook up. If you want the convenience of also having a hose hooked up all the time, then you can purchase a timer that has 2 hook ups. You would screw the timer to your faucet. Then screw your hose onto one of the timer's 2 outlets. The other outlet would be connected to your drip line.



An alternative set up would be to purchase a splitter that would attach to your faucet and then your timer would attach to the splitter and a hose could be attached to the available outlet. Splitters can come in multiple outlets.



Setting this all up. As I mentioned earlier, there are a few ways to set this all up. The bare minimum pieces of hardware that would be required is an adapter which is typically made of plastic and a barbed connector to attach to your drip line. One end of the adapter screws onto your faucet or hose while on the other end you would screw in the barbed fitting that gets pushed into your drip line. This typically cost a few dollars depending upon where you shop. As in the picture above you might want a shorter length of host to run from your faucet or timer to where the drip line starts typically in your plant bed.

