

## **IMPORTANT UPDATE: Winterizing Video & Instructions for Your Irrigation System**

Step 1: Turn irrigation controller to the OFF position. This is the electronic controller located in the garage. (Video Link located below)

Step 2: Turn off water to irrigation system. Cut off will be located next to water meter at the street in a 6" sleeve with a green lid. Depending in what municipality your home was built in it may have two cut offs located at the street by the water meter. One will be in line with the water meter, which is the cutoff to your home, do not cut this one off. The sprinkler cut off is the next valve after the water cut off. The off position is perpendicular to the valve. If you live in a municipality that does not require a water cut off valve then there will be only one 6" sleeve with a green lid within 2' of your water meter. This is the sprinkler cut off valve. Again, the off position is perpendicular to the valve.

Step 3: Locate irrigation backflow device. This device will be located on the side of your home, typically on the same side as the water meter. It is an above ground brass device.

Step 4: Remove the yellow caps/plugs from the end of the test cocks.

Step 5: Locate straight bit screwdriver slot on the side of each test cock and turn them ¼ of a turn. This process will open the test cocks relieving all water pressure from the irrigation system. Leave the test cocks in the open position until you decide to start using your system again. Water should run out of the test cocks for only a couple of minutes. If water continues to run out of the test cocks, then the irrigation cut off at the street is not fully closed.

It is also suggested to insulate the device in some manner. Insulated pouches are sold at most hardware stores.

**NOTE: DO NOT TURN CUT OFFS LOCATED ON THE BACKFLOW DEVICE. THIS WILL RESULT IN THE DEVICE FREEZING INTERNALLY AND CAUSING A FRACTURE IN THE BODY OF THE BACKFLOW.**

\*\*\*\* This is not covered under warranty \*\*\*\*

Freeze protection for both irrigation and plumbing are the responsibility of the homeowner and are considered homeowner maintenance items. Homeowner maintenance items are NOT covered under warranty. There is no guarantee or total protection against freezing. Please use this as a guideline for homeowner maintenance in freeze protection.

### **Video Link for winterizing your irrigation:**

<https://fb.watch/hxCNVyBOhv/?mibextid=2Rb1fB>