

Irrigation System Spring Startup Instructions

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Normal operation of the District's dual irrigation system begins April 15*.

Property owners served by the dual irrigation system should complete the following 3 easy steps (in order) between April 1 and April 10 every year to prevent delays, and avoid possible broken pipes, valves, and flooding.

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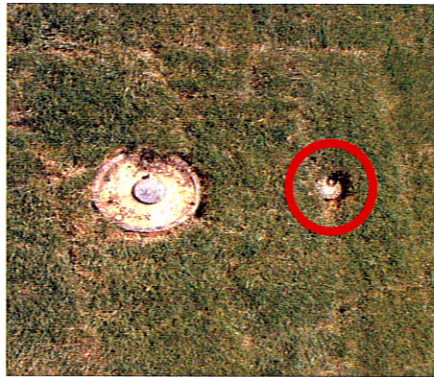
Close the test valves on the pressure vacuum breaker



This is a typical backflow preventer (pressure vacuum breaker) on a home. A 1/4 turn is all that is needed to close the valves.

2

Open the stop and waste valve



Usually located in the front yard near the meter, the smaller valve box is the stop and waste valve. It has a riser, so it should be easy to operate. A 1/4 turn is all that is needed to open the valve.

Keep the grass trimmed around the stop and waste valve box so you can find it when you need to!

3

Prepare to startup your irrigation system

The District will publish notice when the dual irrigation system is operational for the season.

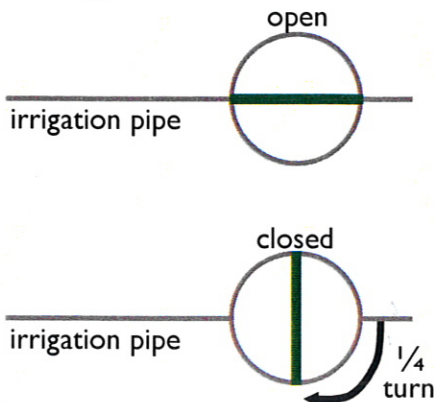
Once operational, property owners can startup their own irrigation systems. Immediately upon startup, check the entire system for leaks.

Be sure to adjust sprinklers for head-to-head coverage, and check that they are spraying on landscaped areas, *not* streets or sidewalks.

Clean the rain shutoff device so it can measure rain properly. Lastly, check the automatic timer so that watering does not occur more than 3 days per week, and not during the heat of the day.



Valve Operation



***Target date for startup of the dual irrigation system.**