

Irrigation System *End of Season* Shutdown Instructions

Seasonal shut-down of the District's Dual Irrigation System will begin October 15th. Property owners served by this system should complete the following 3 easy steps (in order) between **October 15 and November 1** each year to prevent damage to irrigation systems (broken or frozen pipes/valves, flooding).

1

Close the stop and waste valve



The 3 inch lid is usually located in the front yard between the irrigation meter and the building. Remove the lid from the stop and waste valve using an irrigation key or crescent wrench (see figures 1.a, 1.b.). Next, place your irrigation key/wrench in the valve box, align it with the tip of the valve inside, and turn the valve counter-clockwise 1/4 turn.

Replace and secure the lid. Leave this valve closed until Spring.

Tip: This drains water from the irrigation service lines between the backflow preventer and the valve to prevent freezing.

2

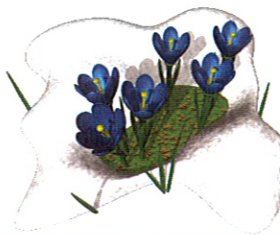
Open the test valves on the pressure vacuum breaker



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

Leave these valves open until Spring.

Tip: This ensures that all water in the device is drained to avoid breaks and damage from freezing during the winter.



3

Drain and Winterize your underground irrigation system



Say No to Frozen Pipes!

Winterizing your system is crucial to preventing damage during the winter months. Simply drain and "blow out" the entire irrigation system on the property to complete the seasonal shutdown.

The District does not provide this service, but most landscape contractors do. Find these services in local phone directories.

The District will publish notices regarding the dual irrigation system every year for startup and shutdown schedules and procedures at www.sacwsd.org.

Hand watering of trees and shrubs once per month during the shutdown is encouraged.