

# Winterization



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## Protecting Your Irrigation System in Winter

### Why Winterize

When temperatures drop below freezing, any water left inside your irrigation system can freeze, expand, and cause pipes, valves, and sprinklers to crack. Protecting your irrigation system in winter ensures it will be ready to keep your garden green and thriving in spring – without costly repairs, wasted water, or stress.

### Benefits

- **Prevents Costly Damage** – Avoids cracked pipes, broken backflow protectors.
- **Extends Equipment Life** – Keeps your irrigation system in good working condition.
- **Saves Water** – Prevents leaks and wasted water when the system restarts in spring.
- **Peace of Mind** – Less stress over surprise leaks or flooding when temperatures rise again.

### Protect your System

- **Shut off the Water Supply** – Close the main irrigation valve if you have one, shut off the backflow.
- **Drain the Backflow** – Open the valves on the test cocks to allow the water to drain.
- **Protect Backflow Preventer** – Insulate all exposed parts with pipe insulation and insulating covers.
- **Store Hoses and Attachments** – disconnect garden hoses, timers and driplines
- **Cover Faucets** – Cover any faucets with protectors

# Other Tips

- Familiarize yourself with where your backflow preventer is and how to shut it off
- Mark your main shut-off valve so you can find it quickly
- If you notice damage to any parts of the backflow ensure they are fixed before using the system again.
- Schedule winterization before the first hard freeze.

**Note:** Compressed air blow outs are not necessary in this area as we do not have extended hard freezes.

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