

Winter Shut-down Instructions

Your sprinkler system must be winterized before the first hard freeze.

Freeze damage is not covered by your warranty if you just had a sprinkler system installed. Please call 553-5204 to schedule your winterization.

If freezing temperatures are in the forecast before you are scheduled or if you can't be home at your appointment time, there are some easy steps to follow to get your system ready:

Step 1: Shut off the water to the sprinkler system in your basement. The sprinkler water line is right next to the main house water line (#1). Right now the handle should be flush or parallel with the pipe (this is the ON position). Pull the handle down so it is perpendicular or "T" to the pipe, this will be in the OFF position (#1).

Step 2: Follow the sprinkler line up and out of the house. If you have a drain (could be a faucet or a lever handle) it will be located above the shut off handle (#2). If you do not see a drain, then it is located outside (Skip to Step 3). Put a bucket underneath to catch the water that drains out. **Leave the bucket and the drain open (counter clockwise) all winter.**

Step 3: Take a flat head screwdriver (not the one with the cross). Go outside to your backflow. The backflow sits on the pipes that come out of your house (#3). Turn the screws (there are either 2 or 4 of them) ¼ turn in either direction. **Leave the screws open all winter.** This will allow all of the water to drain from the valve. If you don't have a drain inside, then it is located outside on the pipes that lead from the backflow into the ground (#4). Open this drain (could be a faucet or a lever handle*). **Leave the drain open (counter clockwise) all winter.**

***DO NOT TOUCH THE LARGE HANDLES ON THE BACKFLOW. THIS WILL RESULT IN FREEZE DAMAGE.**

Step 4: Turn the timer off for the winter.

SunCo also offers a Spring Activation service. Included in this service, your SunCo sprinkler tech will turn on the main water supply, examine the system for any winter damage, reset the clock, adjust all heads and make the necessary repairs.

