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Irrigation Shut Down Procedure

There are several things, which must be done to winterize your Irrigation System.

First you want to make sure that your irrigation controller is in the off position.

Second it is recommended that you shut off the Stop and Waste Valve using a stop and waste key. This will shut off the water to your Irrigation system and drain the water in your mainline between the backflow preventor and the stop and waste valve. It is also a good idea to become familiar with where this valve is located and how to operate it in case of an emergency with your irrigation system.

Third you will want to move to the valve box where the backflow preventor is located. The next step is to make sure that the valves on the backflow are open (2). Next, locate the small screws on the side of the backflow preventor these screws need to be opened by rotating 90 degrees so that they are in-line with the flow of water exiting the nipples. There typically will not be much water to exit out of these holes so don't be alarmed if water does not come pouring out. Do not forget to close these screws by rotating 90 degrees to shut next year when you turn on your irrigation system.

Fourth step is to locate each valve box and loosen each solenoid on each valve. This will allow water to flow down and out of each zone through the king drain or auto-drain valve, located on each line.

Fifth and final step is to locate the manual drain valves for your mainline. The manual valves should be opened allowing any additional water to exit the mainline.

This is a brief overview on how to winterize your irrigation system. Your system may require additional steps depending on the particular style and date of installation.

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