



Second Nature Landscapes

Irrigation Start Up Procedure

There are several things, which must be done to turn your Irrigation on for the season.

First, go to the box where the backflow preventer is located (location and style may vary based on date of installation and code required for installation). You need to make sure that the small screws on the side of the backflow preventer are shut. You will not feel these screws tighten, you will need to rotate them 90 degrees so that the screws are perpendicular to the nipple on which they are located.

Second, go to the place that your stop and waste is located and open it fully

Third, make sure that all the valves in all the valve boxes are shut. During this step is also important to make sure that that any hose bibs, mainline drains, or Ball valves located in the valve boxes are shut. It is necessary to leave either one ball valve, or hose bib open to assist in letting the air out of the system. If you do not have either of these items you can leave one of your irrigation valves open.

Fourth, return to the location of your backflow preventer and examine it and make sure there are no leaks. Next slowly open the two ball valves located on top of the backflow preventer, which will allow the water to enter the irrigation system.

Fifth, return to the location where you have decided to leave a valve open and turn it off as soon as the air is released and you see a constant flow.

Sixth, make sure that you irrigation timer is in the on position, and that the program start and run times are correct. It is also a good time to open all valves and watch and listen to make sure that there are no leaks, broken pipes, broken heads, overspray, or any other additional problems with the irrigation system.

It is always a good idea to make sure that you have your irrigation examined by a landscape professional to make sure that it is in good working condition, all heads and nozzles are working properly, and most importantly that you are not wasting water or over watering.

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