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Spring Start-Up Procedure

Your residential or commercial system has been shut down during the cold winter months. When the risk of colder temperatures has passed, our experienced team will be out to get your system back up and running. We'll also check for any repairs needed, and recommend upgrades if you've added to your yard or garden area, or if your landscape has grown.

We ask that you sign up well in advance for the Spring Start-Up Service in order to ensure that your system is ready before your lawn, plants, and trees are!

Please note: Any system that is leaking badly from the main connection, main line, or valve manifold will not be left activated. The main valve will be shut down after a complete spring review. Repairs will be advised and quoted.

Procedure

1. Slowly turn on the water supply at the irrigation point of connection.
2. As the main line pressurizes, check for leaks, and verify meter function, if applicable.
3. Check backflow device for correct functioning and signs of age or wear. Test the backflow device as per certified testing procedures, including city requirements.
4. Close any taps and pond or fountain fills that are part of the irrigation system and were left open to prevent winter frost damage.
5. Run each zone, checking for leaks, plugged nozzles, and proper operation of all heads and valves. Flag all necessary repairs.

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6. Check and reset the controller date, time, and early spring program, leaving the controller in the **Off** position if there is no rain sensor.

If the controller is inaccessible, for example, if the controller is indoors and the client is not present to grant access, we will check all functions of the system by bleeding the valves from the valve locations. Appointments are necessary for system review from a controller that we do not have access to.

7. Make necessary repairs.
8. Customer to advise of repairs they know need attention, if any. Repairs will be done at flat-rate prices.
9. Technician to provide field notes to customer regarding evaluation results and recommendations of any extra work needed.

**** Please note:** If the irrigation point of connection is not protected by a backflow device, it is not to code. This is considered an unprotected cross connection. Contaminants from the irrigation system can backflow into the potable water. Any unprotected cross connection must be noted and reported to the owner for retrofitting, repair, and testing. ******

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