



# It's Spring!

*Now is the time to inspect and prepare your irrigation system for another season of efficient landscape watering. Have your landscape maintenance professional follow these simple steps now to save money and water--and to help avoid an irrigation system failure this year.*

## **Reset Irrigation Controls**

- Check your irrigation system controls. The timer, date and time, and setting need to be reset specific to your landscape's watering requirements for the spring.
- Consider replacing the backup battery in the controller every six months, and place your watering schedules nearby to know when to make seasonal changes.
- Check which zones are in use and which are not. Clean dust or cobwebs off the controls to ensure proper functioning.

## **Check for Flow Obstructions**

Inspect and clean sprinkler spray heads for debris such as rocks, dust, sand, and grass that can block proper water flow. Sprinkler heads need to be checked to ensure they are not broken or crooked causing improper coverage.

## **Replace Broken or Worn Sprinkler Heads**

Sprinklers and nozzles with cracks, chips, or excessive wear should be replaced to keep everything running smoothly. A cracked head can leak and cause excessive water bills. Taking time to fix any broken nozzles and sprinklers heads now will save you money in the future. Since breaks and cracks can happen regularly, it is essential to check your system often and replace as necessary.

## **Inspect Valves**

Valves regulate the water distribution for your irrigation system. Conducting a visual inspection of valves helps your irrigation system operate at its best. Leaky valves waste water and can raise your water bill.



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