

Winterizing Your Irrigation System

The process of winterization is meant as a preventative measure to help reduce any possible freeze damage to irrigation components. Here we provide some basic steps, for guaranteed results we recommend having a professional winterize your system for you.

Basic Steps Include:

1. Locate the main shut-off valve to the system. If your irrigation system was installed by Affordable Irrigation, your shut-off valve will be exactly 12 inches from your water meter that is in your yard. There will be a 12-inch circular valve box that you can open. Open the lid to the valve box and turn the red nob $\frac{1}{2}$ turn. This will turn the water to your sprinkler system off.
2. Open the Petcocks. On the petcocks on the Pressure Vacuum Breaker. If your system was installed by Affordable Irrigation, your PVB will be on the side of the house that your water meter is on. This valve will stick above the ground. Using a small regular screw driver, turn the petcocks into the open position. This is $\frac{1}{2}$ turn on each petcock. See the diagram below for exact location.
3. Cycle the Sprinkler Timer. Turn your system on a manual cycle so that it will cycle through all zones. This will open the valves and flush water through the valves.
4. In spring, turn system back on. Follow the above instructions backwards to turn system back on.

