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Sprinkler Winterization Guidelines

Watch the Weather

Pay close attention to the local weather forecast when it starts to get chilly. Wind-chill is the single largest factor involved in broken sprinkler systems. The temperature to beware of is approximately **minus 7 degrees Celsius including wind-chill**.

Finding the SHUTOFF Valve for the Sprinklers

To find the shutoff valve follow the water line starting from the outside going through the wall into the house. When you know where it goes through the wall outside, go downstairs in the house to find the corresponding water line coming through the wall inside. **The valve for shutting off the sprinklers is usually found right before where the water line goes outside.** Every house has a shutoff valve which turns off all water going to the outside.

Potential Hazards

All of the sprinkler **components above the ground** such as the manifold (where you turn them on and off) **can and will be damaged due to wind-chill** unless you take a few precautions. The **components in the ground** such as the sprinkler heads and water lines **will be OK until we come to blow them out for winter**. Ice can break anything, but it will only break something if it can't move.

Precautions

After you turn off the water for your sprinklers, go to your manifold outside and **open everything you can** (all the valves) **only HALF WAY**. This will relieve the pressure on the valves and your manifold. If your valves are frozen, DO NOT force them. Rather, cover them with blankets over night or pour WARM water over them until you can open them half way. Be careful because things are usually brittle in spring and fall.

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Watch the weather channel. Turn OFF the water downstairs for your outside taps, then go outside to your manifold and open all the valves only **half way**. Call us to winterize your sprinkler system for you. We start blowouts in mid-September.