



DIY Spring Start-Up Instructions

Regency Irrigation recommends May 1st as a start-up date. However, before you begin the start-up procedures you want to be sure all the frost is gone from your yard. You can do this by taking a shovel or screw driver and dig around on the north side of your yard looking for frost. If you do not find any, by all means turn on your system, but listen to those weather forecasts and if they call for temperatures of more than minus five degrees, be sure to shut off your main water valve and drain the mainline. If you would like Regency to turn on your system please call 403-250-2685 or e-mail, service@regencyirrigation.com. If you wish to start-up your sprinkler system yourself, please read on.

1. Go outside to your valves, located in green underground boxes, open the valve box lid and check that:
 - There is *NO* ice in the box.
 - Your valve tops and bleed screws are tightened down.
 - That all wires look like they have a good connection.

Note: If there is any ice in your valve box leave the lid off and do not attempt to turn your system on until all the ice has melted and the water has drained into the ground.

2. Check that all manual drains are closed, you may have one on the outside of your house where the water comes out, and/or one in your valve box, and/or one in your basement down stream from your irrigation check valve.
3. Turn on your mainline valve *VERY SLOWLY*. You should stop hearing water run within two minutes of turning the valve fully on. If water



continues to run, turn the valve off and go outside and check your valve box again. Try to find where the water may be seeping from. If your system is automatic, check to make sure that none of your automatic valves are turned on manually.

4. **For Automatic Systems:** After the water stops running, replace battery (if applicable) and plug-in controller. Program your controller to water each zone for two minutes starting five

minutes from the time on the controller. When the system turns on, be sure to watch each zone operate and look for problem areas, such as; sprinklers not working, and/or zones not working. If you have any problems turn to Troubleshooting your Sprinkler System. If the entire system is working properly, program your controller for your normal watering schedule, but be sure to turn the system off if the forecast is calling for freezing temperatures and turn it on again when the weather warms up.

5. **For Manual Systems:** Go to your valve manifold and turn your zones on one at a time, check that each zone is operating properly including heads.



Please call the office, or come and visit us in our show room, if you have any questions.

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