

Sprinkler Freeze Protection Tips

Follow these steps prior to any freeze condition (32°F or lower) after the Spring start-up or before the Fall shutdown

Shut Off Sprinkler System

Turn off the sprinkler system at the main water source. This step is crucial to prevent water from flowing through the system during freezing conditions.

Open Manual Drains

Open all manual drains in the system. For drains located inside the house, place a bucket underneath to collect any residual water in the pipes. This helps drain water from the system and prevent freezing.

Manually Start Automatic Controller on Zone #1

Start the automatic controller manually on Zone #1. Allow the zone to run for 30-60 seconds. During this time, water will bleed from the electric solenoid valve, removing water from the pipe above ground. The sprinkler should not operate since you shut off the water in Step #1. After 30-60 seconds, turn the controller off.

Prior to system winterization using an air compressor, ensure that all manual drains inside the house are closed securely. This step is crucial before proceeding with winterization to prevent any water from re-entering the system during the process.