



Irrigation Maintenance Checklist

Controller/Programming

- ☐ Controller programs adjusted monthly or as ET dictates unless smart controller is used
- ☐ Controller menus accurate and in the controller
- ☐ Check/replace back-up battery
- ☐ Test-run (wet -run) system on a regular schedule to check for leaks, misdirection and other problems

Valves/valve boxes

- ☐ Valve boxes and 6" boxes cleaned out for access to irrigation components
- ☐ Low valve boxes raised to 2" above soil grade
- ☐ Broken or missing valve boxes and lids replaced
- ☐ Irrigation components in the ground are contained in valve boxes
- ☐ Leaking valves repaired
- ☐ Exercise ball valves and gate valves quarterly

Sprinklers

- ☐ Broken heads replaced immediately
- ☐ Rotors and sprays are not mixed on a valve
- ☐ Sprinklers on a valve have nozzles with matched precipitation rates
- ☐ Irrigation schedule is compatible with mowing schedule for dry turf on mow days
- ☐ Sprinklers checked and adjusted after mowing
- ☐ High efficiency/pressure regulating heads are used for water savings

Drip

- ☐ Visits for checking the drip system are scheduled for the day after a run to check watering patterns/depths
- ☐ Pressure compensating drip emitters are used
- ☐ Emitters without plants plugged (unless they are a water source for another plant/tree)
- ☐ Filters checked and cleaned, lines flushed out at end caps annually
- ☐ Move drip emitters out to the drip line of the plants/trees as they grow; add emitters as needed
- ☐ Spaghetti tubing and poly lines buried in soil -not running above the ground