



How and When to Winterize your Rain Bird Sprinkler System

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Winterizing your Rain Bird sprinkler system ensures that your irrigation system does not break during freezing temperatures. Sprinkler systems need to be properly prepared for the winter months to avoid costly damage.

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Is it necessary to winterize my sprinkler system in North Texas?

You might be wondering if you need to winterize your sprinkler system in North Texas. The short answer is: this is a personal choice. Here in North Texas, we don't get as much freezing weather as more northern areas do, but you should still take precautions to protect your irrigation system from the cold weather.

One of the biggest dangers of winter is frozen and burst irrigation pipes. By winterizing your sprinkler system, you can avoid this costly and frustrating problem.

When should sprinkler systems be winterized?

Winterizing your sprinkler system is something you should do at least a week before the first "hard freeze," which is when the outside air temperature falls below zero degrees Fahrenheit.

To obtain a decent idea of when the first hard freeze will occur, keep a watch on the local weather forecasts. October is usually the best month for winterization.

Steps to winterizing my Rain Bird Sprinkler System: To winterize your sprinkler system, follow these simple steps:

1. Turn off the water supply to your sprinkler system at the main valve.
2. Drain all the water from the pipes and valves by opening them and allowing the water to flow out.
3. Close all the valves and disconnect the hoses.
4. Store the hoses and sprinkler heads in a safe place.
5. Cover the pipes and valves with insulation or plastic to protect them from freezing.

If I choose not to winterize, how do I prevent my sprinkler system from freezing?

If you forget or choose not to winterize your sprinklers, you run the risk that water will freeze in the irrigation valves, pipes, and sprinkler heads. Water expands when it freezes, which causes parts of your system to burst and destroy your sprinkler system. If you choose not to winterize your Rain Bird sprinkler system, you can take some preventative steps to prevent it from freezing.

Turn off the water and then loosen the backflow cap to avoid a crack if there is water in it. Perform a more thorough inspection of any systems that weren't blown out in the fall once the weather warms up in the spring to ensure there are no breaks or damage.