Spring Irrigation Checklist

In cold climates, begin irrigation starts ups when the soil on site has thawed to a depth of one foot. In warm climates perform an annual irrigation check in the spring to fix leaks and any other issues.

	Tools + Supplies
<ul> <li>Check the Controller</li> <li>1. Clean, check settings and replace back- up battery</li> <li>2. Adjust irrigation schedule as needed</li> <li>3. Uncover and clean weather sensors</li> <li>4. Upgrade to smart controller or install add-on sensor</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>9-volt batteries</li> <li>Expansion modules for controllers</li> <li>Add-on sensors</li> <li>Volt meter</li> </ul>
<b>Check Sprinkler Heads</b> 1. Remove dirt and debris 2. Check and clean filters 3. Adjust for proper coverage	<ul> <li>Replacement heads</li> <li>Nozzles</li> <li>Swing joints</li> <li>Risers</li> <li>Rolls of swing pipe</li> </ul>
<b>Check for Wear + Tear</b> Replace broken or worn nozzles, valves, pipes and other components	<ul> <li>Valves</li> <li>Cement</li> <li>Pipe cutter</li> <li>Pipe</li> <li>Fittings</li> <li>Stub wrench</li> <li>Slip fixes and couplings</li> <li>Staking flags</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Run the System</li> <li>1. Slowly open water line to prevent pressure surges in main lines, uncontrolled flow and water hammer</li> <li>2. Check for adequate coverage and adjust for overspray and runoff</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pressure gauge</li> <li>Pressure regulators</li> <li>Pitot tube</li> <li>Pressure gauge adapter for spray heads</li> <li>Audit kit</li> </ul>
<b>Check Valves</b> Inspect valves closely to ensure proper function and no leakage	<ul> <li>Replacement valves</li> <li>Valve repair kits</li> <li>Solenoids</li> <li>Diaphragm</li> <li>Gel-filled wire nuts</li> <li>Teflon tape</li> </ul>



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