TODD CREEK VILLAGE

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

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Turning Off Your Irrigation Water for the Winter

The end of irrigation season is near. It is a great time to provide some information and reminders to help with your irrigation system shut off and winterization process. If not done properly it can cause damage to your irrigation system, valves, and service line. Unless you fully understand the process and the equipment, we always recommend hiring a professional landscaper or irrigation professional to handle the shutoff and winterization process for you. Please note that all infrastructure including the service line are the property of the homeowner. Damaged components are required to be replaced by the homeowner. To turn off your irrigation water system:

- 1. Locate your Stop and Waste Valve (normally the valve on the house side of the meter pit).
- 2. Open cap to Stop and Waste Valve box (the District does charge for lost or damaged caps in the event a replacement cap is required).
- 3. Put valve key (McDonald Key) into curb box and make sure you are on the valve. Note that these keys are sold at local plumbing supply stores, and not available through the District. TCVMD purchases our valve keys through Core & Main located at 9451 Yosemite St. in Henderson.
- 4. Turn valve till fully closed. It is a good idea to open and shut two or three times to ensure that you have valve fully off (most are only a 90 degree or quarter turn and forcing more than that can break the valve). If valve is not fully off, it can result in a leak and homeowner will be billed for any leaked water.
- 5. Replace cap on curb box and store your key in a safe place where you will not lose it. The District doesn't provide keys and does charge a fee to come turn water on in the result of a lost key.



IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE

- Frost pans and lids not properly secured onto meter pits can result in a freeze-up which is likely to cause damage to the meter and water lines.
- Not using the correct tool to get into the meter pit can result in damage to the meter pit lid.
- Shut-off/on of your irrigation system and all associated costs are the responsibility of the homeowner. TCVMD recommends hiring a professional landscape/irrigation service to handle this process so it is done correctly.

Once you have completed this shutoff procedure it is important to have your system blown out with air. The stop and waste will only drain the line from the stop and waste valve to the first valve box. The rest of the system is likely still full of water that can freeze and damage your system. We hope this procedure is helpful and are happy to be your water provider.

Transparency Notice: Board meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm via Zoom. The public is always welcome and encouraged to attend.



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