

How to Check Your Sprinkler System This Summer

Spring is the time to check your sprinkler system for peak summer performance. But did you know it's one of the most important things you can do throughout the summer to ensure your irrigation system continues to operate efficiently?

Because automatic sprinkler systems often come on in the early morning hours unobserved by their owners leaks and other problems can go unnoticed for long periods of time wasting water and damaging plants.

By taking the time to check, repair, and adjust the sprinklers at the beginning of the watering season and making periodic checks throughout the summer you can be sure your plants are being watered properly, without wasting water.

How to get started:

Run the entire sprinkler system, one zone at a time. As you do this, check for the following:

Signs of leakage, caused by damage to the sprinkler heads or piping. Repair as needed.

Check for inefficient spray pattern of the sprinkler heads. Sometimes nozzles get clogged and need to be cleaned. Also, nozzles and sprinkler heads may need adjustments to reduce overspray onto walks, driveways, etc.

Interference of the spray pattern can occur if plants have been moved, play equipment has been installed, or if plants have just grown too tall. Adjusting the sprinklers to accommodate the changing landscape will eliminate dry spots and puddling caused by blocked spray.

Overgrown Grass can impede sprinkler heads, make sure to keep yours trimmed. Also, check for leaning spray heads.

By following these simple tips, you can have a healthy lawn and garden all summer –while conserving water!