



# NEWSLETTER



## SPRING IRRIGATION SYSTEM TUNE-UP

Spring is the time to make sure your sprinkler system is working correctly. Maybe a lawnmower damaged a sprinkler head, or there's an in-ground pipe leak. Perhaps an entire zone is not functioning. More than likely, you wouldn't know about these issues, unless someone does an inspection. We suggest having an irrigation company do the initial spring turn-on, inspection, and repairs (if needed).

Believe it or not, we once saw a structural issue develop because of an in-ground sprinkler pipe leaking. The long-term water leak washed out the soil underneath one of the foundation footings and part of the basement slab. Unfortunately, substantial structural repairs were necessary. Nobody knew about the problem until after the damage occurred. Granted, this is a very rare case, but it shows that it pays to keep an eye on the irrigation system.

One of the most common issues with irrigation systems is they run too long. This keeps the ground soggy and causes issues with the lawn, and shrubs. Running the zones for 15 or 20 minutes is a good rule of thumb. By the way, we recommend setting up the sprinklers to turn on just after sunrise to reduce evaporation and save on your water bill.

Another recommendation: consider getting a Smart Irrigation System Timer. You can get them for well under \$100. These enable you the convenience of operating your entire sprinkler system from your phone. There is a lot more information on the Internet if you want to learn more.

We hope you find these tips useful.

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