

Winterizing Backflows

Description

- During the late fall once irrigation systems are being shut down, an important step is winterizing the Backflow.
- Failure to do so in many cases will result in a back flow bursting during a deep freeze.

Process

- First, find the main valve installed between the main water line and the backflow and shut it off.
- Next, run a zone on the system for a minute until there is no pressure. This will drain the pressure from the backflow.
- Finally, close the valves on the backflow.

Additional Information

- Many time people wonder if there are other steps to take to winterize your irrigation system. Due to the minimal amount of freezing that occurs in the lowcountry it is unnecessary.
- Also, if your backflow is installed sub-surface you do not need to worry with winterizing.