Separate Irrigation System
Spring Startup Instructions

Normal operation of the District’s Separate Irrigation System begins the week of April 15
Once the lines are charged, property owners will be able to access irrigation water to their separate irrigation system by completing the following steps:

1. Close the test valves on the pressure vacuum breaker

   This is a typical backflow preventer (pressure vacuum breaker) on a home. A ¼ turn is all that is needed to “close” the test valves. Be sure that the two blue or green handle-valves are in the “open” position.

2. Open the lid to the stop and waste valve

   Locate the small “stop and waste” lid located just inside your front property line. This small, 3” lid may be covered with grass (as shown above to the right). Trim the grass from around the lid so that you’ll be able to find again in the fall.

   Using a crescent wrench or irrigation key, loosen the bolt to remove the lid. Locate the valve stem, and turn it a ¼ turn to the “open” position. Replace the lid and bolt.

   (Refer to the Valve Operation illustration)

3. Prepare to startup your irrigation system

   Once operational, property owners can startup their own irrigation system. Property owners are responsible for ALL maintenance and repairs to their water lines and irrigation system.

   Be sure to adjust sprinklers for head-to-head coverage, and check to be sure that they are spraying on landscaped areas, not sidewalks or streets.

   Check the automatic timer so that you are watering according to the Mandatory Irrigation Schedule for your address.