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Public Works News Release

Check Systems Before You Irrigate

Spring is here, temperatures are up, days are longer, and gardens and lawns are starting to grow. It's time to starting watering again.

The start of the watering season is a good time to check your irrigation systems to make sure they are working right. Pay particular attention to pipes and valves that might have cracked and broken over the winter season and sprinkler heads that may need adjustment. Checking automatic systems can be especially important.

Automatic sprinkler systems are a great way to save work, save water, and to irrigate at night when it usually best for plants. For these reasons, the City of Bishop supports the installation of automatic sprinkler systems. As good as it is, an automatic system's "set it and forget it" nature can also be a problem. For instance, with an automatic system, a fountain from a broken pipe or a sprinkler head turned the wrong way may only show up when the system runs in the middle of the night and no one is there to see it. To prevent this, take time this spring to review the programming of your system and run it through a cycle or so to make sure everything is working.

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