Irrigation System Checklist: Sprinklers Controller and Winterize

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System and service date

SERVICE DATE

PROPERTY ADDRESS

SYSTEM TYPE

WINTER CLIMATE

CONTROLLER BRAND AND MODEL

CONTROLLER TYPE

NUMBER OF ZONES

LAST SEASONAL SCHEDULE CHANGE

LAST PROFESSIONAL AUDIT

LAST WINTERIZE OR SPRING START

SERVICED BY

Leaks, shutoff, and backflow

Item	Done	Skip	N/A	Notes
Each zone walked while running	☐	☐	☐	
No pooling, spray, or seeps at joints	☐	☐	☐	
No unexplained wet spots between cycles	☐	☐	☐	
Irrigation main shutoff found and operable	☐	☐	☐	
Backflow device present, not leaking (visual)	☐	☐	☐	
Water bill compared with the same month last year	☐	☐	☐	

Sprinkler heads, coverage, and drip

Item	Done	Skip	N/A	Notes
Broken, missing, tilted, or stuck heads flagged	☐	☐	☐	
Spray kept on the landscape, off hardscape	☐	☐	☐	
Head-to-head coverage checked	☐	☐	☐	
Misting or fog from high pressure noted	☐	☐	☐	
Clogged nozzles or head filters cleaned	☐	☐	☐	
Pop-ups at grade, not buried or sunken	☐	☐	☐	
Drip emitters at the root zone, lines intact	☐	☐	☐	
Microirrigation filter cleaned if installed	☐	☐	☐	

Valves and valve boxes

Item	Done	Skip	N/A	Notes
Valve boxes found, lids on, interiors reachable	☐	☐	☐	
Each zone valve opens from the controller	☐	☐	☐	
Each zone shuts off, no leftover seep	☐	☐	☐	
Master valve or pump start checked if installed	☐	☐	☐	
Flow-control stems not left slammed shut	☐	☐	☐	
No standing water drowning the solenoids	☐	☐	☐	

Controller and watering schedule

Item	Done	Skip	N/A	Notes
Controller date and time correct	☐	☐	☐	
Backup battery replaced if the controller uses one	☐	☐	☐	
Clock-timer schedule revised for this season	☐	☐	☐	
Weather-based or soil-moisture mode confirmed	☐	☐	☐	
Start times avoid the hot midday window	☐	☐	☐	
Run times checked for pooling or runoff	☐	☐	☐	
Zones identified (turf vs beds vs drip)	☐	☐	☐	

Rain sensor and soil-moisture sensor

Item	Done	Skip	N/A	Notes
Rain or soil-moisture sensor installed and enabled	☐	☐	☐	
Rain sensor in open sky, outside spray zones	☐	☐	☐	
Sensor wired, jumper removed, not in Bypass	☐	☐	☐	
Sensor interrupts a running zone (hose or spindle)	☐	☐	☐	
Sensor debris cleared, wireless battery checked	☐	☐	☐	
Soil-moisture probe buried in the root zone	☐	☐	☐	

Winterize, blowout, and spring start

Item	Done	Skip	N/A	Notes
Irrigation water shut off before drain or blowout	☐	☐	☐	
Blowout scheduled with a licensed contractor, or N/A	☐	☐	☐	
If owner blowout: OEM air limits followed (not a site score)	☐	☐	☐	
Backflow drained, ball valves left about half open	☐	☐	☐	
Controller set to Off or Rain Off, program kept	☐	☐	☐	

Cup-type rain sensor emptied or bagged if needed	☐	☐	☐	
Spring start: main opened slowly, every zone walked	☐	☐	☐	

Service log and sign-off

SERVICE NOTES

PARTS REPLACED

ZONES COMPLETED THIS VISIT

NEXT SCHEDULE REVIEW DUE

NEXT WINTERIZE OR SPRING START DUE

NEXT PROFESSIONAL AUDIT DUE

SERVICE RESULT

SIGNATURE

TIME SIGNED

Reference only. Verify against local codes, a licensed inspector or a qualified contractor.