

HOW TO

Sprinkler Spruce Up

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Start the growing season off right and make sure your landscape is WaterWise!

1 INSPECT



Check your irrigation system for missing sprinklers, drippers, and damage sustained over the winter. This is also the time to check your irrigation system's backflow assembly for proper operation and testing. Need help? Contact an EPA WaterSense or Irrigation Association certified professional.

2 CONNECT



Turn the water on and check for proper operation. Malfunctioning sprinklers and puddling are signs that you have some repairs to do. Remember, small leaks add up to big wastes. A leak as small as the tip of a ballpoint pen wastes about 6,300 gallons of water per month.

3 DIRECT



Get the water where you want it – on the landscape. Water on the sidewalk and in the street increases the amount of run-off that can negatively impact our watershed. Make sure your lawn sprinklers are distributing water evenly by picking up a free rain gauge from the City of Bend.

4 SELECT



Now that your system is tuned up it is time to select an appropriate irrigation schedule. Lawns need about 1" of water every four days. Landscape plants should be watered deeply and as infrequently as possible. This will promote root growth and drought tolerance.

How “Smart” is Your Irrigation Controller?

Smart irrigation controllers automatically adjust to environmental conditions throughout the growing season. This increases an irrigation system’s overall efficiency by only applying water when landscape plants need it. Smart irrigation controllers can reduce overwatering by 30% in some cases. Visit waterwisetips.org to learn more about smart irrigation controllers and whether or not one is right for you.



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Irrigation Hours for Bend Water Customers

Even and odd irrigation day rules apply. Watering is allowed at night.

Best time to Irrigate	Avoid Irrigation if possible	No Irrigation Allowed	Avoid Irrigation if possible	Best time to Irrigate		
Midnight - 6AM	6AM - 9AM	9AM - 5PM	5PM - 7PM	7PM - Midnight		
Low System Demand	Peak Morning Demand	Hot, windy, high evap rate Rule variance given for new sod, seed, plantings	Peak Evening Demand	Low System Demand		
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