

Irrigation System Tune-up Checklist

Check sprinklers in the spring, summer and fall. Turn on each valve and check for the following problems:

Symptoms of Poor Maintenance

- erosion
- water runoff
- swampy areas
- obstructions of spray pattern
- plant material performing poorly
- water spraying on the street or sidewalk

Problems with Sprinkler Heads and Valves

- valve leaking
- head clogged
- head leaking or broken
- plants blocking sprinkler
- rotors or impacts are not rotating
- head pushed too far into the ground
- heads tilted or spraying in wrong direction
- sprinkler spacing not providing head to head coverage on grass

Symptoms of Low Water Pressure

- popup stem not fully extending
- spray is not reaching proper area
- there are doughnut shaped dry areas of grass

Symptoms of High Water Pressure

- pipes keep breaking
- sprinkler nozzles blown off
- spray is misting or fogging
- spray is overshooting desired areas

