

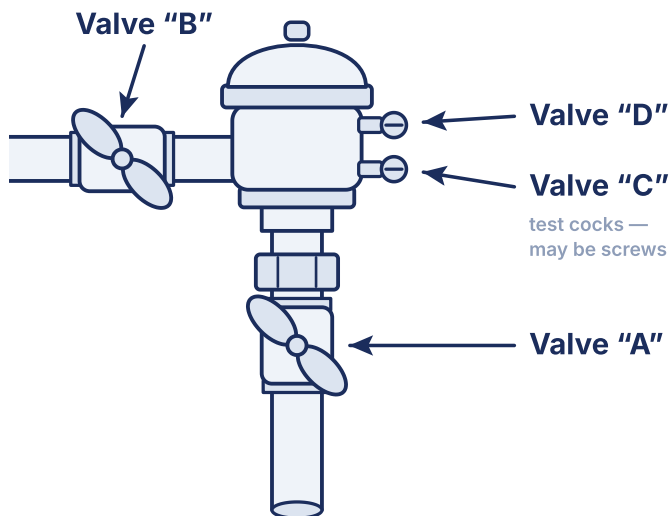


Turning Your System Back On

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Keep this sheet with your timer or near the sprinkler shut-off downstairs. **Wait until at least mid-April** before you start the system back up — a hard freeze on charged lines is how most spring repairs begin. Then work through the three steps below, in order.

Handles at 45° — this is correct



How we left your backflow in the fall.

YOUR FOUR VALVES

A is the inlet from the house · **B** is the outlet to your sprinklers · **C** and **D** are the test cocks on the side of the body — on many units these are slotted screws rather than handles. C and D stay closed the whole time.

THE RULE FOR HANDLES

A handle lying **along** the pipe is OPEN. A handle sitting **across** the pipe is CLOSED. Half way — 45° — is how we leave it for winter.

BEFORE YOU START — THIRTY SECONDS OF CHECKING

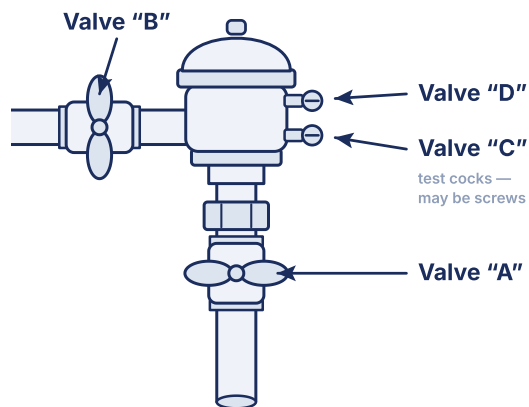
- The ten-day forecast has no hard freeze in it.
- Your timer is plugged in and its backup battery is good.
- You have a few minutes to walk the yard afterwards — problems show up on the first run, not the second.

STEP 1 · OUTSIDE AT THE BACKFLOW

1 Close all four valves

Before any water moves, set both handles **across** the pipe and check that test cocks C and D are closed. Starting from a fully closed backflow is what keeps the next step gentle.

CLOSED = handle sits ACROSS the pipe



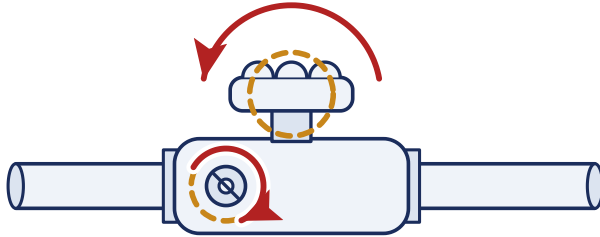
STEP 2 · INSIDE THE HOUSE

2 Close the petcock, then open the water — slowly

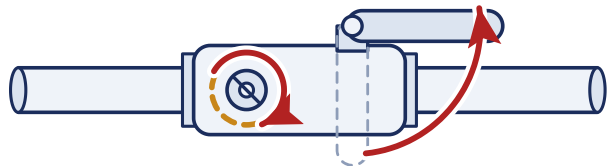
At the shut-off valve downstairs, **close the petcock first** (clockwise). Then open the main sprinkler valve **slowly**: a turn type goes counter-clockwise, a lever type swings back along the pipe. Easing it open lets the line fill quietly instead of slamming — a fast fill is hard on fittings that have sat empty all winter.

IF YOURS IS A TURN TYPE

Turn COUNTER-CLOCKWISE, slowly

**IF YOURS IS A LEVER TYPE**

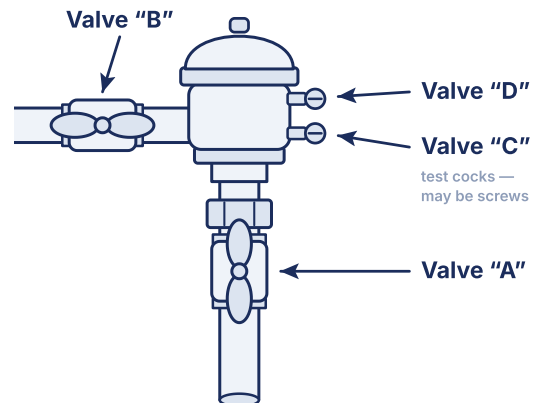
Swing the lever back ALONG the pipe



STEP 3 · BACK OUTSIDE

3 Open “A” first, then “B”

Open **A** slowly and let the backflow fill. Then open **B** to send water out to the zones. **Leave C and D closed**. A little water may spit from the cap on top as it fills — that is the air vent doing its job and it should stop within a minute. If it keeps running, close valve A and call us.

OPEN = handle sits ALONG the pipe**LAST — WALK THE YARD ONCE**

Run each zone for a minute from your timer and watch. Look for heads that do not pop up, heads spraying sideways or into the street, and any soft or bubbling ground, which usually means a cracked line. Note what you find and call us — spring is the cheapest time to fix it.

TWO THINGS NOT TO DO

Do not put a wrench or pliers on test cocks C and D · do not snap the valves open to “check for leaks.” Both are common ways to turn a working system into a repair call.