

Residential Winterization and Blow Out Process

The Metro District shuts off the irrigation water supply mid-October of every year. Owners are responsible for turning off their irrigation system at the meter. The meter is located in the back yard under a round plastic meter pit lid. The valve must be in the OFF position at the end of the irrigation season.

When the valve is in the OFF position, the water supply is no longer available past the meter. The valve must be turned off before the water is blown out of the system. If this is not done before the blow out process, water will remain in the piping and flow back into the main system, which may result in broken or cracked pipes.

Once the meter has been turned off at the valve, owners or their contractor will use the blow out port (white PVC plug shown below) to blow out the system for the winter. A compressor is used to push air through the piping to evacuate any water in the lines.

