

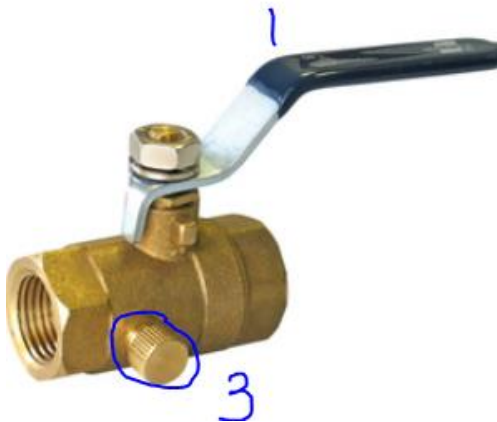


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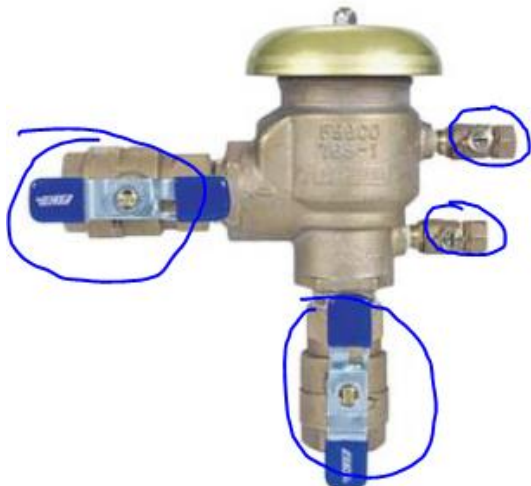
Making lawn care Ez!

This is a self help document that if done correctly is intended to provide some sprinkler freeze protection for short overnight freezes until you can have a professional sprinkler blow-out. Not all sprinkler systems are the same; there may be variances on appearances and configurations.

1. Turn off water supply to sprinklers. In most homes this is next to your water main, usually in the basement or crawl space. A valve is off when the handle intersects the pipe, it is on when it is parallel.



2. Turn all valves on the Backflow Preventer (circled below) to a 45 degree angle. This will release pressure in the backflow valve.



3. Now that all valves on the backflow have been turned to a 45-degree angle, return to the water supply valve and look for a small cap to drain shown as #3 in first picture. Slowly unscrew this drain cap and use a bucket or cup to catch the water.
4. Open the drain on your manifold which is usually located below the backflow preventer in a green lidded box. If no drain is present try to run a couple zones with your timer.



5. Wrap your backflow valve. A few towels with a trash bag over the top works great.

You're done! This should protect you from quick overnight freezes before you blow your sprinklers out.