

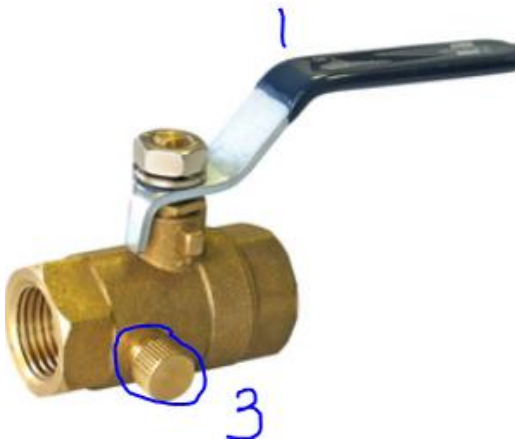


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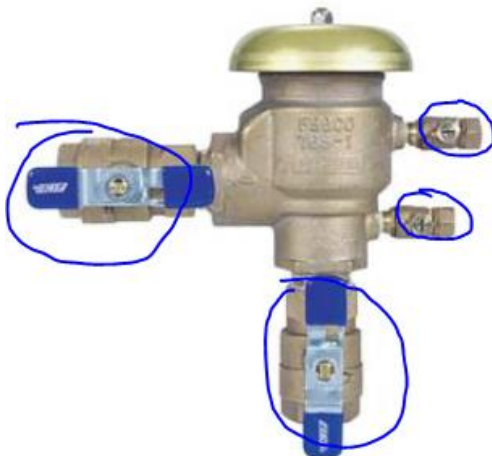
Making lawn care Ez!

**Disclaimer: 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.