

Solar Hills Ranch Irrigation Process

Irrigation Committee

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Water Notification

Each member of the Solar Hills Homeowner Association will be notified by email concerning the dates for turning on and off the Irrigation System. The dates are determined by three factors, availability of water and weather, and the ability to contact all property owners. The approximate dates will be April 15 for turn on and October 30th for shutdown. We are generally the last to get water in the spring and the last to have our water turned off in the fall.

There is always the possibility of drought in any year. Which means a reduction in the amount of water supplied by the Uncompahgre Valley Water Users Association (UVWUA or UVW) and therefore the HOA will have to implement watering restrictions to conserve our water supply so the water will last longer into the season. Also due to drought conditions, water could be shut off earlier in the fall.

Procedure for Turning on the System in the Spring

1. Notification to all the homeowners when the system will be charged.
2. **All homeowners must close their irrigation systems before the system is charged.** This is done by closing your main valve and individual drain valve.
Failure to close your system could result in flooding.

NOTE: Whenever the HOA irrigation system is shut down during the season for repairs or lot owner irrigation repairs, Please close your main valve to keep the lot system charged.

3. The irrigation team will visually check the HOA system, air release valves and close all of the HOA drain valves.

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Procedure for Turning off the System in the Fall

1. Email notification to all of the homeowners.
2. Check the system and make recommendations to the Board of Director of any repairs that need to be completed on the system.
3. It is recommended that each homeowner drain and blowout their sprinkler lines each fall. There are a number of people in Montrose that offer this service for a fee.
4. During the last few weeks in which the system is still on it's important for the homeowner to watch the nightly temperatures to avoid the possible freezing of their lines.

Miscellaneous

REPAIRS and TAPS for Lot Irrigation Systems

At this time all of the lot taps (lot irrigation system line / valve) have been completed. If for any reason you need to repair your tap (main valve / line) please follow these guidelines

1. Notify Irrigation Committee Chairman.
2. Have your plans reviewed by the Irrigation committee.
3. Who will be doing the work
4. Discuss materials and procedures to be used.
5. Set a date and time frame for the tap.
6. Notify any homeowners who might be affected.
7. If your repair can wait until the end of the irrigation season, please do so, as shutting down the system, even partially, creates undue hardship on the irrigation system volunteers and other residents.

HOA IRRIGATION SYSTEM ISSUES

If you notice any flooding in your yard or a neighbor's yard due to HOA irrigation, please contact an Irrigation Committee member As Soon As Possible so they can check out the situation, if unable to reach someone, then contact a HOA board member to let them know what is happening. Thanks