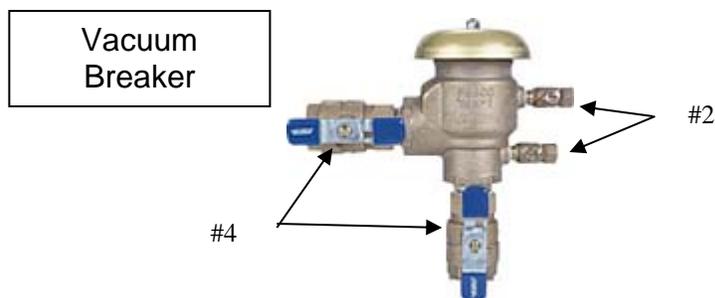




## Turning on your sprinkler system in the Spring

1. Go to vacuum breaker . . . the large copper/brass apparatus on the outside of your house where the water supply comes out.



2. Locate 2 fittings (1/2" size) near the top of the breaker (just to the side of the top black cap or brass/gold cap like shown above) and use a flat-head screwdriver to turn the screw slots on these fittings so they cross with the fittings (screw slots should run up and down). These are little ball valves . . . they don't tighten . . . the screw alignment determines whether they are open or closed.
3. Shutoff garden hose valve towards bottom of vacuum breaker or tighten "blowout" plug
4. Verify that the two blue-handled valves (sometimes are green) on the vacuum breaker are running parallel (straight) with the fittings/pipe they're attached to as shown above.
5. Now turn on the water valve inside the house slowly. Leave it on ½ way until the water stops running. This helps avoid large line surges and water hammer. Wait for the triangle on the water meter to stop moving and then turn on valve 100%.
6. Go to the garage and replace the battery (if any) in the controller. Most controllers have a 9-volt battery for backup. Some have AA batteries. Some Rainbird controllers require a rechargeable battery that should be sitting in the controller and just needs to be reconnected. Using a normal alkaline battery is not advisable.
7. Adjust the controller so that it shows an accurate time, date, water days, start time, and station times . . . follow directions on the control box to re-program controller.
8. Run through each zone or station from the clock to verify heads are functioning and adjusted properly.
9. Then turn the controller so that it is set to run automatically. Remember your municipality may require Odd/Even watering. See controller box for directions.
10. You should be ready to start watering for the summer. Note that during dry periods the controller settings may need adjustment to effectively irrigate your property.

Please call one of the above numbers if you have any questions or problems.