



Backflow Prevention Requirements

Residential

- All underground lawn sprinkler systems are required to have a backflow prevention assembly installed on the sprinkler system.
- Per Washington State Law (WAC246-290-490) annual testing of the backflow prevention assembly is required.
- The annual test must be performed by a Tester certified by the State of Washington. The test report must then be submitted to the City of Camas.
- All testing is the responsibility of the property owner. Reminder notices will be mailed in late-Spring of each year.
- Installation of a lawn sprinkler system requires a plumbing permit issued by the City of Camas.
- Visit the City of Camas' web site, which offers assistance in identifying types of backflow prevention, a list of certified testers, and link to the State of Washington site: <http://www.ci.camass.wa.us/services/utilities/irrigation.htm>

Non-Residential

- All non-residential water services must have a backflow prevention assembly installed at the water meter and where required by the City of Camas.
- Annual testing is the responsibility of the property owner.

Failure to comply with irrigation regulations may result in severing the connection to the backflow assembly or discontinuation of city water service.

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IRRIGATION

TIPS & REGULATIONS

ONE INCH PER WEEK.

That's all the water your lawn needs to stay healthy.

Using Lawn Sprinkler Systems

- Set the timer so you water only when needed. Water in the early morning or late evening to limit water loss due to evaporation.
- Insure that your irrigation system is adjusted properly so water is not wasted by improperly adjusted timer settings, incorrect head sizes or incorrectly aimed heads.
- Water only as rapidly as the soil can absorb the water.
- Water root areas of your plants. Watering the sidewalk, gutter or street wastes water.
- Consider native plants when landscaping your lawn. Generally, native plants require less water.
- Install a drip irrigation system for a slow, steady supply of water to the plant roots. This method can save up to 60% over other watering systems.
- Place a layer of mulch around plants and trees to avoid excessive evaporation.
- The City of Camas recommends watering on an Odd/Even rotation. For example, if your address ends with an odd number water on odd numbered days.

A close-up photograph of vibrant green grass blades, each covered with small, glistening water droplets. The background is a clear, bright blue sky.

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