

TODD CREEK VILLAGE

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

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Know Your Meter: Winterizing Your Non-potable System

Fall is nearly here, and that means it's time to make a plan for winterizing your non-potable water system. We always recommend hiring a professional to winterize and thoroughly check your system and to discuss potential changes to increase water efficiency. This is a great opportunity to discuss a yard hydrant with your hired professional. As discussed in the June edition of *Todd Creek Living*, a yard hydrant may provide access to non-potable water while your sprinkler system is winterized. This can help keep your property compliant with TCVMMD Rules & Regulations.

Whether you use a professional or winterize your system yourself, understanding your non-potable water meter is important to ensure proper shut-off of the system. Your non-potable/irrigation meter is located outside your home in a meter pit with a circular metal lid. TCVMMD customers who have the correct tool are allowed to access their meter pit to check the meter reading at any time. Please give us a call (303-637-0344) or use the contact form on our website (ToddCreekVillage.org) if you would like the local ordering information for the correct tool.

Meters in the TCVMMD service area read down to a fraction of a gallon, making them very useful in determining if your system is turning on and off as expected. Please explicitly ask any individual operating your system to perform a meter verification check. Use the table below to understand your meter in three different scenarios:

TURNING OFF YOUR SYSTEM

- ◆ Stop-and-Waste Valve is CLOSED
- ◆ Your Irrigation System is OFF
- ◆ Meter should NOT be changing numbers
- ◆ Verify after 5 minutes, if your meter indicates water usage, the stop-and-waste valve is not fully closed, try again until meter numbers stop changing

MONITORING YOUR SYSTEM

- ◆ Stop-and-Waste Valve is OPEN
- ◆ Your Irrigation System is ON
- ◆ Meter numbers SHOULD be changing (going up)
- ◆ Take a beginning meter read and another read 24 hours later. This will show you how many gallons of water your current settings use in 24 hours. ***Note: if you have a weather sensor on your system, this will change your usage.***

TURNING ON YOUR SYSTEM

- ◆ Stop-and-Waste Valve is OPEN
- ◆ Your Irrigation System is OFF
- ◆ Meter should NOT be changing numbers
- ◆ Verify after 5 minutes, if your meter indicates water usage, your irrigation system has a leak

Transparency Notice: Board meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm via Zoom. The public is always welcome and encouraged to attend.



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