

## TURF MAINTENANCE

Winter brings wet, colder weather and shorter days. The grass has less time to dry out now and this promotes disease activity. Collecting the grass clippings during mowing and clearing the grass of leaves, will help the turf dry out faster.



A couple of things to look for are:

- Do not mow through standing water or soft areas
- Waiting to mow on sunny days

## IRRIGATION

With Winter temperatures, historically cooler / wetter, it is time to thoroughly inspect your irrigation system inside and out.

- System is off when not needed and no leaks are present.
  - ✓ Remove batteries if not used.
  - ✓ Isolate areas under eves and special plantings that do require water.
    - Tip: Well-irrigated plants will help stave off frost damage.
- Clean out Valve boxes that are filled with dirt or roots.
- Flush out system of debris in drip lines.
- Update system components
  - ✓ New water sensors
  - ✓ Weather based controllers
  - ✓ Enlarge/reduce zones
  - ✓ Nozzle replacement is the one most overlooked way to reduce water loss or improve water distribution.
- Reapply amendments



Most important, get out there and enjoy the beauty!

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