

Sprinkler System Winterizing Recommendation For Woodmen Pointe Residents

Good landscaping and well-kept lawns are hallmarks of an attractive, inviting neighborhood. Early fall winterization of sprinkler systems can have a negative impact on the appearance and health of lawns due to inadequate water supply to the plants. The following guidance is offered as a historically-based recommendation of when to winterize your sprinkler system to extend the watering regimen as long as possible without damaging your system due to freezing. Obviously, historical temperatures do have anomalies which fall outside these trends, so residents must use common sense and be attentive of early, hard freezes that can damage active sprinkler systems.

According to the Web site Weather Underground (www.wunderground.com), there have been only two hard area freezes in the month of September for the past ten years. These occurred on September 25, 2000 and September 19, 2003 with low temperatures of 26 and 28 degrees F. respectively. This data is captured at a weather station at the Air Force Academy. Typically, the temperatures exhibited in Woodmen Pointe are approximately 5 degrees warmer than is seen at the Academy.

Based upon this data, the Woodmen Pointe HOA would recommend that residents winterize their sprinkler systems no earlier than October 1. This guidance is offered to allow residents the opportunity to water their lawns and landscaping as long as possible to preserve the appearance of the neighborhood, without fear of damaging their sprinkler systems. Once again, this date is simply a recommendation and in many cases can be extended well beyond October 1st.