

Residential Winterization and Blow Out Process

The Metropolitan District shuts down the non-potable irrigation water supply in mid-October each year.

Owners are responsible for turning OFF the hand valve in the meter pit, which is located in the backyard under a circular lid. The hand valve must be in the OFF position at the end of the irrigation season, so the District can properly winterize the main distribution lines.

When the hand valve is OFF, the water supply is no longer available past the meter. The valve must be turned OFF before the water is blown out of the system. Valves that are left open will create issues in the blow out process and if this is not done before the blow out process, water will remain in the piping and flow back into the main system, which may result in broken or cracked pipes.

Once the valve has been turned OFF at the meter, owners or their contractor will use the blow out port (white PVC plug shown below) to blow out the system for the winter. A compressor is used to push air through the piping to evacuate any water in the lines.

