

FREEZE WARNING SHEET:

The season arrived really early and we are all seeing our grass turn odd shades of gray and lawns are stressing just as their owners are! But, Denver is notorious for having cold snaps late April and even into early May. We are really recommending that you find workarounds like hose sprinklers just to get by a little longer.

We found this "by zip code" freeze historical calculator:

<http://davesgarden.com/guides/freeze-frost-dates/>

or the Weather.gov site is helpful: <https://www.weather.gov/bou/snowstat> for the Denver area:

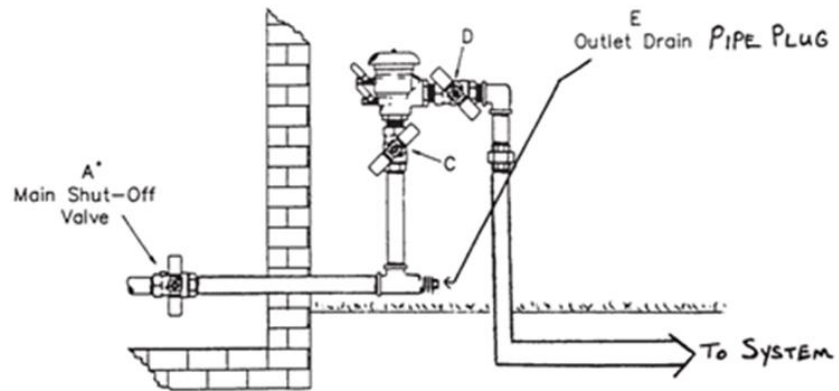
Spring Freeze Information

Earliest Date of Last Freeze:	April 5, 1977
Latest Date of Last Freeze:	Jun 8, 2007
Average Date: (since 1872)	May 4th

Latest Freeze for the past 10 Years:

May 8, 2016
May 11, 2015
May 14, 2014
May 5, 2013
April 16, 2012
May 5, 2011
May 13, 2010
May 5, 2009
May 11, 2008
June 8, 2007

While we may not see a sustained hard freeze, if the temperature drops below 32 degrees the above ground parts are at risk. Cover the exposed parts with insulation tape, towels and garbage bags, or a custom insulated blanket from the hardware store.



How to Drain Your Backflow Preventer

The backflow preventer is the plumbing device attached to the outside wall of the house and is the source of water to the irrigation system. Because this unit and the copper piping attached to it are exposed to the air, this unit can freeze and burst in only a few hours of below freezing temperatures. During the spring and fall, outside temperatures can often dip below freezing during the night. If you see forecast temperatures below 32 degrees, it is important to follow the draining procedure below to prevent costly damage to your system.

1. Turn off main shut-off valve to the system (A), typically in your basement.
2. Remove or open the drain plug (E) on the piping outside.
3. Turn valves (C) & (D) and test cocks to a 45 degree angle (half open-half closed) position.

This procedure will protect your backflow preventer during freezing temperatures either before we winterize your system in the fall or after we start up your system in the spring. Also, follow this same procedure to prepare for your system fall winterizing if you choose not to be at home at the time of this service. Simply leave access to the System Controller and we can take care of the winterizing without the need to enter your home.



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