Dry Season Sprinkler Checklist

South Florida, November through May. Fifteen minutes at the start of the dry season (and again in February) saves most of the brown lawns we see all winter.

1. Controller

- [ ] Controller is in AUTO (not Off or Rain Delay left over from summer)
- [ ] Date and time are correct (a power blip resets older units)
- [ ] Program runs only on your assigned Palm Beach County watering days, early morning
- [ ] Seasonal adjust set to 100% for the dry season

2. Walk every zone (run each one 2 minutes)

- [ ] Every zone comes on
- [ ] Heads pop up fully and are not tilted
- [ ] No geysers, soggy spots or dry corners
- [ ] Spray stays on the lawn, not the street, driveway or house
- [ ] No misting (pressure too high) or dribbling (pressure too low)
- [ ] Zone numbers with problems: _____

3. Heads

- [ ] Pull and rinse clogged nozzles and filter screens
- [ ] Straighten heads knocked sideways by the mower
- [ ] Trim grass and ground cover blocking spray
- [ ] Replace cracked heads or heads that do not retract

4. Rain sensor

- [ ] Press the spindle: system pauses, then resumes
- [ ] Clean out leaves and webs
- [ ] Replace if more than about 5 years old (Florida requires a working rain shutoff)

5. Pump or water source

- [ ] Well/lake/canal: pump primes and pressure comes up quickly
- [ ] Lake or canal intake is still under water and clear of weeds
- [ ] City water: backflow preventer and irrigation shutoff fully open, no leaks

6. Dry-season run times (about 3/4 inch per watering day)

Rotor zones 30-45 min - Spray zones 10-15 min - Drip zones 45-60 min - run early morning on assigned days only. Water deeply twice a week; skip daily short runs.

7. Watch for two weeks

Patches that green up were irrigation. Patches that stay brown with a working system are coverage gaps, pests or fungus.

Dead zone, stuck valve, pump that will not prime, or a leak you cannot find? Call (561) 622-8166. Maintenance-plan customers get this inspection scheduled automatically every year.

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