

WINTERIZING YOUR RAINDRIP SYSTEM

If you live in an area that has freezing temperatures and/or hard frosts it will be necessary for you to completely drain your drip system to prevent the lines and other parts that contain water from being damaged or split.

Before the first frost or freeze, open the ends of all of your 1/2" or larger poly tubing and disconnect the tubing from the water faucet or valve. The tubing and the emitters can be left out for the winter, but the system must be drained.

Allow gravity to drain all of the water out of all the tubing. If gravity does not do a complete job, you may wish to have a professional come and use low pressure compressed air, (no more than 30 PSI), to blow out the system, or, you can just blow into the tubing to push the water out if you have a smaller system.

A little water in the lines will be ok. The polyethylene tubing is more flexible and forgiving than hard plumbing lines such as PVC or metal piping.

When you are satisfied that the lines have been drained, we suggest that you close off all the open ends of the lines. This will keep them free of debris and insects, and will make spring start up easier for you.

Next, remove the water source (faucet/valve), hook up parts including your battery operated electronic timer and the Y Filter, if you have them. Remove the batteries from the timer.

Now is a good time to give these parts a good going over. Clean them up, including filters, and replace any o-rings, washers etc. Store these parts either in the garage or indoors where they will be protected from the freezing weather.

In the spring, when all danger of frost and freezing has passed, reconnect the system, flush it out well, and you're back on line.

If you have any questions about winterizing or other concerns regarding your drip system, please call toll free at 1-800-820-5113.