

SPRING HAS SPRUNG, BUT IS YOUR SPRINKLER READY?



Did You Know?

A home with an automatic irrigation system that isn't properly programmed or maintained can waste as much as 30,000 gallons of water annually.

Before you begin watering this season, consider sprucing up your sprinkler to avoid wasting water, save money, and promote a healthy lawn or garden.

This can be done in four simple steps: *inspect, connect, direct, and select*:

- **Inspect.** Check your system for clogged, broken or missing sprinkler heads. If you're not the do-it-yourself type, go with a pro—look for an irrigation professional certified through a WaterSense labeled program.
- **Connect.** Examine points where the sprinkler heads connect to pipes/hoses. If water pools in your landscape or you have large wet areas, you could have a leak in your system. A leak about as small as the tip of a ballpoint pen (or 1/32nd of an inch) can waste about 6,300 gallons of water per month.
- **Direct.** Are you watering the driveway, house, or sidewalk instead of your yard? Redirect sprinklers to apply water only to the landscape.
- **Select.** An improperly scheduled irrigation controller can waste a lot of water and money. Update your system's schedule with the seasons, or select a WaterSense labeled controller to take the guesswork out of scheduling.

For more tips, visit the WaterSense website at
www.epa.gov/watersense/outdoor

