

## **Maintaining Your System** 12 Month Plan

## Applies Complete Perform central yearly physical - Clean PC, backup database, reset for new year January Inventory irrigation parts room Develop re-stock order based on assessment from last year Calibrate weather station (every 3 years) Update central operating system (if applicable) Update central program and digital map based on changes from previous year Check central control system for any communication issues Sign up to attend vendor/distributor training events February Schedule pump station physical (every 3 years if applicable) Schedule fertigation physical (every 3 years if applicable) Schedule wash water system physical (every 4 years if applicable) Schedule flow meter calibration (every 3 years if applicable) Schedule field controller modem tuning (every 4 years if applicable) Check central control system for any communication issues Clean and organize irrigation parts room Inventory irrigation-specific tools Change batteries in locators and test equipment Change oil in trash pumps Verify all ground connections in controllers and at ground rods are tight Make a list of sunken heads to raise and order parts Inspect sprinklers for wear and functionality March Clean out field controllers (rodents and creatures, big and small) Test earth grounds for field controllers/decoders (minimum every 3 years) Tune modems for field controllers (every 4 years, if applicable) Raise sunken heads Check and repair yardage tops, order replacements if necessary Check air release valves and clean filters Locate and edge around shut off valves Inspect valve boxes for damage and tripping hazards, repair as needed Check o-rings on sprinkler hose plug-ins Check and repair hoses (loose and on hose carts) Check quick coupler keys for bends, cracks or loose lugs Shut all drain valves left open over winter Exercise all circuit breakers on pump and control systems Start wells Start pump station(s) Load water in the irrigation system slowly Check central controller communications Check backflow protection devices and re-certify if needed Record pump and well flow totals and check against central totals Install Otterbine aerators early for preventative purposes to combat initial algae growth Drive along all mainlines and check for leaks Audit 1/5th of the irrigation system Check all sprinkler heads for operation, rotation and arc adjustment Install a cattle tag in each field controller to repel insects Fill fertigation tanks Trim grass around sprinklers and quick coupler valves Check field controller and central control system communications Check site code adjustments and percent adjustments and reset as needed











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June			Test lightning detection system in season monthly Check for leaks - complete drive around mainlines and laterals Trim grass around sprinklers and quick coupler valves
July			Midseason pump preventative maintenance visit Trim grass around sprinklers and quick coupler valves
August			Pre-aerification system checkup, flag or mark heads as needed Trim grass around sprinklers and quick coupler valves
September			Reserve air compressor for system winterization End-of-season pump preventive maintenance visit Trim grass around sprinklers and quick coupler valves
October			Review as-built drawings and update for changes made through the year Post-aerification system check - look for leaks, broken caps, damaged QCVs, etc. Review winterization videos and instructions - low pressure and high CFM Winterize pump station as per manufacturer specifications Winterize fertigation system  Staff meeting to assess strengths/weaknesses/opportunities/threats  Note any locations where quick coupler valves should be added and order parts Create and prioritize project list for next year's budget  Schedule planning visit with your Turf Equipment representative
November			Schedule Otterbine aerator(s) removal and storage Schedule Otterbine aerator(s) winter maintenance (every 2 to 4 years) Schedule central computer tune-up Schedule pump station physical Schedule fertigation system physical Schedule lightning detection and warning system physical Schedule lightning detection calibration (every 3 years) Schedule regional NSN training
December			Consolidate all irrigation notes and create a report with prioritized action items Register for Turf Equipment University FCC radio license check and renewal (if needed) Check central control system for any communication issues Yearly flow totals recorded Yearly central reports and graphs printed
Monthly			Test lightning detection system Exercise all circuit breakers on pump and control systems Exercise all manual valves in system Pump and well flow totals recorded Restart central irrigation computer and backup database Compare actual flow totals to central computer projected flow totals Return Board Exchange cores for credit
Every 5 Years			Schedule wet well and intake flume inspection Schedule lake screen inspection

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