



A Quick Guide to Irrigation Systems

In sun-drenched California, an underground irrigation system is a great, value-adding investment. Keep these tips in mind when you install or upgrade a sprinkler system.

1. **Save a buck, set a plan.** Draw a diagram of your backyard with grass, trees and flowers where you'd like to plant them. Identify the different items by the water requirements.
2. **One size doesn't fit all.** Different soil and grass types require different quantities of water and routines. Consider your need for sprinklers or a drip system that slowly releases water at the roots.
3. **Water wisely.** Common mistakes lead to a higher water bill or a brown yard. When placing a sprinkler, make sure it doesn't overshoot and water the sidewalk.
4. **Call first, then dig.** Gas pipelines, power lines, telephone utilities and sewage lines may be sitting underneath your backyard. Always dial 811 before you dig.
5. **Don't ignore the symptoms!** Keep an eye out for signs your system is overwatering, underwatering or missing the mark completely.
6. **Get a diagnosis.** When you see signs of overwatering, you may have a leaky valve, head or pipe. Stuck rotor heads are another common problem.
7. **The pressure's on!** Or is it? High water pressure can lead to sprinkler nozzles flying off or a misty spray that quickly evaporates. Low pressure means the sprinkler heads don't pop up and spray properly.

Want more information on how to make your yard the best? Give me a call. I'll help you make smart decisions to get the most value out of your home