

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Microsprinkler System Maintenance



During each irrigation set:

Check for leaks and breaks in the system and repair as needed

Check the pressure throughout the system (mainline, submain, laterals) and ensure that it is running appropriately

- → This can be achieved by installing pressure gauges throughout the system or installing Schrader valves and checking the pressure using a personal gauge
- $\rightarrow\,$ Water pressure at the nozzles can be checked using a pitot tube connected to a pressure gauge
- ightarrow Consult manufacturer's specifications to confirm the system's optimal operation pressure



Walk the lines and inspect for clogged nozzles or damaged heads or connections or any other issues and repair as needed. Ensure that risers are upright and not tilted

Check filters. If significant pressure is being lost through the filter (as
measured on Schrader valves upstream and downstream of the filter), it
likely needs to be cleaned

- $\rightarrow\,$ Clean screen filters using a brush or soaking
- \rightarrow Backwash sand filters

Flush the lines starting from the submain and move down through the system

- $\rightarrow\,$ Done at the beginning or end of each irrigation set.
- ightarrow Done less frequently depending on injection times, substances injected, and water quality
- → Installing flush valves at the end of every line will flush the system before and after each irrigation set

Repairs] Yes	🗌 No
Location(s)		

Date:

System pre	ssure (psi):
Pump:	
Main:	
Submain:	
Laterals:	

Cl	eaned	filter
	Yes	
	No	



This list is intended for use by	v irrigators, irrigation n	uanagers and irrigation	consultants.	For system specificati	ons please cons	ult manufacturer	's specifications and
irrigation design consultants.	For more materials an	d information visit our	website at <u>http</u>	<u>p://www.cdfa.ca.gov/g</u>	<u>o/FREP</u> or Goo	gle "CDFA FRE	Р."