Sprinkler to Rotary Nozzle

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Tools/Parts:
- Wrench
- Master pressure regulator
- Low flow valve (anti-siphon if no master backflow)
- Sprinklers with pressure compensating stems.
- Rotary nozzles
- Nozzle adjustment tool

1. Turn on the sprinklers.
   - Make a note of how many sprinklers you have in each zone and the number operating on the same valve.
   - Note which sprinklers spray at 45 degrees, 90 degrees, 180 degrees, 360 degrees.
   - Measure the width and length of zone. You’ll need this information to determine the type of nozzles to buy.

2. Rotary nozzles operate best at 30-40 psi. In the majority of homes and buildings in Santa Barbara, the water pressure is about 90 psi and as a result pressure regulation is required. High pressure can affect the watering coverage of rotary nozzles, wear down your irrigation systems parts quicker than normal, and use more water than needed. See Detail A; page 3.

3. If missing from the existing system, install master pressure regulator and manual shut-off valve before modifying sprinklers.

4. Replace existing control valve with low-flow valve that has an anti-siphon valve included. Anti-siphon not necessary if master backflow device currently exists. See Detail A; page 3.

5. Remove the old sprinkler bodies (if necessary).

6. Install the new pressure compensating sprinkler bodies and replace the nozzles with rotary nozzles. You need to replace all the sprinklers on the valve so that you have the same pressure and the evenly distribute the water.

7. Flush the system by removing the last nozzle in the zone and turning on the sprinklers. Replace nozzle then adjust the rotary nozzles as needed using the nozzle adjustment tool. You can adjust both the radius and the degree of the water’s coming from the nozzle.


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**Detail A**

*Valve Assembly for Residential Sprinkler System* *

- Minimum 6" above highest emission outlet***
- Union

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**Anti Siphon Low Flow Valve**

- Pipe Nipple
- Ball or Gate Valve
- Access Sleeve
- Finished Grade

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*The minimum flow rate of the valve must be equal to or less than the flow rate of the zone.

**Optional if Master Device installed at Point of Connection

*** For container zones this dimension must be at least six inches above the rim of the highest container.

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**Detail B**

*Drip Irrigation System Tattletale Flush Assembly*

- Nozzle
- (See Hydrozone Matrix for Mfr & Part #)
- Impermeable Hardscape
- Minimum 24" Finished grade

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