Irrigation Maintenance Checklist

Controller/Programming

☐ Controller programs adjusted monthly or as ET dictates unless smart controller is used
☐ Controller menus accurate and in the controller
☐ Check/replace back-up battery
☐ Test-run (wet-run) system on a regular schedule to check for leaks, misdirection and other problems

Valves/valve boxes

☐ Valve boxes and 6” boxes cleaned out for access to irrigation components
☐ Low valve boxes raised to 2” above soil grade
☐ Broken or missing valve boxes and lids replaced
☐ Irrigation components in the ground are contained in valve boxes
☐ Leaking valves repaired
☐ Exercise ball valves and gate valves quarterly

Sprinklers

☐ Broken heads replaced immediately
☐ Rotors and sprays are not mixed on a valve
☐ Sprinklers on a valve have nozzles with matched precipitation rates
☐ Irrigation schedule is compatible with mowing schedule for dry turf on mow days
☐ Sprinklers checked and adjusted after mowing
☐ High efficiency/pressure regulating heads are used for water savings

Drip

☐ Visits for checking the drip system are scheduled for the day after a run to check watering patterns/depths
☐ Pressure compensating drip emitters are used
☐ Emitters without plants plugged (unless they are a water source for another plant/tree)
☐ Filters checked and cleaned, lines flushed out at end caps annually
☐ Move drip emitters out to the drip line of the plants/trees as they grow; add emitters as needed
☐ Spaghetti tubing and poly lines buried in soil - not running above the ground