

Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

24 Hour Negative Pressure Shut-down Test

Purpose: Serves as indicator of possible unapproved second source of water to the irrigation system.

Procedure:

- Turn off recycled water to the property by turning the 'customer handle' on the downstream side of the meter clockwise ¼ turn.
- Relieve water pressure in the irrigation mainline for five minutes by manually operating one of the irrigation valves physically via the 'bleeder screw' on the valve itself. Valves without bleeder screws can usually be activated by rotating the solenoid counterclockwise.
- If step two was accomplished physically via the bleeder screw, ensure that the screw is tightened back down to close the valve.
- Wait 24 hours.
- Repeat step 2 while listening and looking for signs of system re-pressurization.
- Note your observations.
- Restore recycled water service to the property by turning the 'customer handle' on the downstream side of the meter counterclockwise ¼ turn.
- Report your observations to LVMWD.

Should you observe any indication of system re-pressurization, LVMWD staff will visit the site to perform follow-up testing to determine if the re-pressurization was due to a second source of water or a leaking 'customer handle'.