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What are Bad Contractor Practices?

One of the problems in the irrigation installation industry is that there are very few rules or ordinances to govern the installation of an irrigation system. The water meter and irrigation backflow are controlled by county code and the plumbing codes outside of the irrigation contractor's expertise. The meter and backflow installations are reviewed by local authorities.

The irrigation system after the backflow is generally not covered by localities or ordinances. Irrigation contractors are lonely required to have a contractor's license.

Some of the ways irrigation contractors cut corners:

- 1) The pipe is too shallow – consequently the pipe is easily damaged by local digging, aerating or new plantings.
- 2) The irrigation heads are not installed straight or are below grade or too high and can be cut off by mowers.
- 3) The irrigation valve boxes are not set to grade.
- 4) The contractors do not properly tamp the ground above the pipe and the ditches settle requiring additional soil after installation.
- 5) Contractors do not separate shrubs and turf into unique zones to allow different times and days of operation of those micro-climates.
- 6) Contractors install cheap electric valves not suitable for the application.
- 7)

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