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Freezing Weather, Sprinkler Safety

Every winter when temperatures dip below freezing, irrigation overspray on public streets and sidewalks causes dangerous driving conditions which threaten public safety.

Icing of streets and sidewalks is a violation of Section 21-52 of the City Code of Ordinances. Each occurrence constitutes a separate violation punishable by a fine up to \$1,000 per day.

When temperatures drop, turn off sprinkler systems. Better yet, install a rain/freeze sensor. It temporarily overrides programmable systems during rain or during freezing temperatures; and keeps the water off the street and sidewalk.

Rohini Drake, Plano Environmental Education Coordinator, suggests an easy winter option for irrigation systems, which ensures pedestrian and vehicular safety – plus it saves money. “Keep irrigation controller in the ‘OFF’ position from November through March and operate the irrigation system manually,” Drake said. “During the winter, dormant landscapes only require irrigation when there has been no precipitation within a month.”

Rain/freeze sensors can stop working over a period of time. Check your sensor and keep it functioning. It will save you money, reduce water waste, and eliminate overspray during inclement weather.

For more information and tips about water conservation and safety tips for freezing temperatures, visit livegreeninplano.com.

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