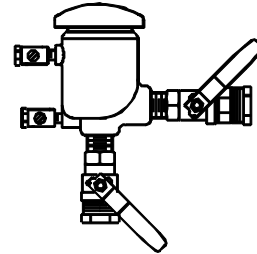




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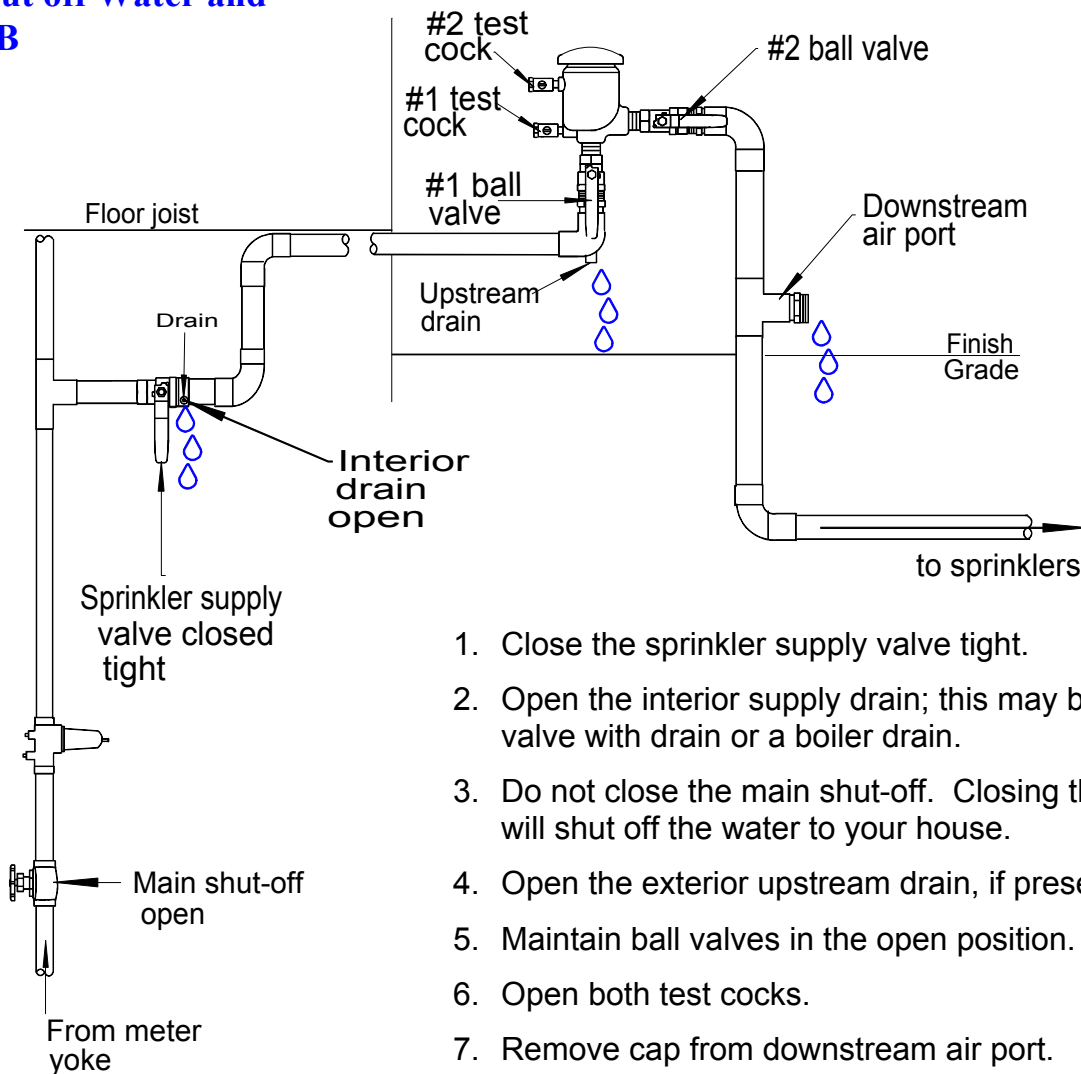
## *Pressure Vacuum Breaker*



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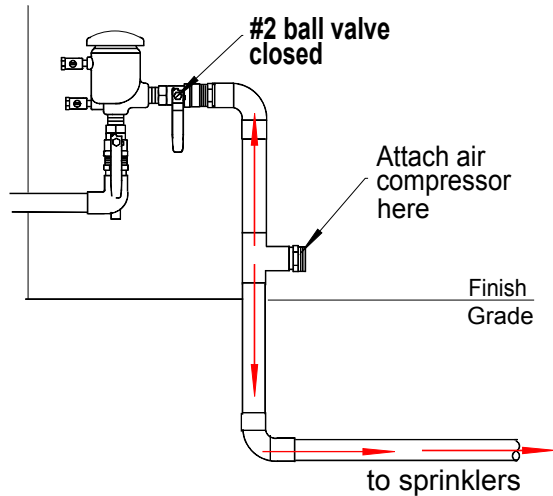
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### Step 1. Shut off Water and Drain PVB



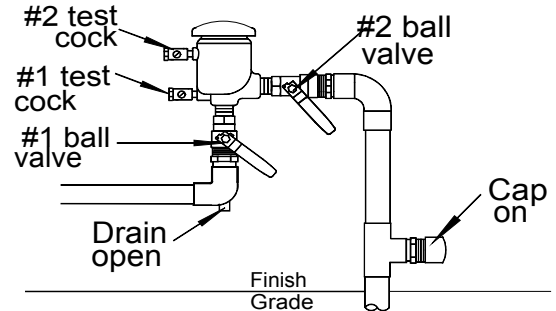
1. Close the sprinkler supply valve tight.
2. Open the interior supply drain; this may be a ball valve with drain or a boiler drain.
3. Do not close the main shut-off. Closing this valve will shut off the water to your house.
4. Open the exterior upstream drain, if present.
5. Maintain ball valves in the open position.
6. Open both test cocks.
7. Remove cap from downstream air port.
8. Allow water to drain from PVB and piping.

## Step 2. Attach Compressor and Purge Water from System

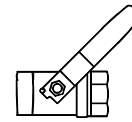


1. CLOSE THE #2 BALL VALVE.
2. Attach air compressor to downstream air port.
3. Set the first station on the sprinkler timer to "Run."
4. Turn on the air from the air compressor.
5. Using the sprinkler timer, run each zone until only air comes out of the heads.

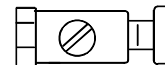
## Step 3. Valve and Test Cock Winter Positions



1. Leave the interior drain open over winter.
2. Leave both ball valves and both test cocks open at 45 degrees.
3. Leave exterior upstream drain open, if present.
4. Replace the air port cap.



**Ball Valve  
open at 45°**



**Test Cock  
open at 45°**

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