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Freezing temperatures and renegade irrigation systems don't mix

ODOT urges owners to make sure irrigation systems don't create icy highways

Central Oregon – The National Weather Service has issued a severe cold weather advisory for parts of Central Oregon for the remainder of the week. In past years, irrigation systems spraying water on streets and highways have caused icy conditions and subsequent crashes. Property owners could be held liable if their irrigation systems are found to have contributed to an accident.

ODOT recommends the following for those living next to streets and highways:

- Adjust your sprinkler heads so they do not spray on road surfaces. This is a good water conservation measure as well.
- Reduce the length of time of watering to avoid runoff and pooling of water on road surfaces.
- Change the time irrigation systems are set to avoid freezing temperatures.
- Shut off and winterize your irrigation system.

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