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Public parks are caught in the middle as demand for recreation areas increases and water available for irrigation decreases. Old parks with outdated utilities and new parks scattered throughout communities need irrigation control systems that reduce water waste and still allow for expansion. Griffith Park in Los Angeles recently completed a major overhaul of its 60-year-old irrigation system that combines the use of treated effluent with a new radio-operated control system. The park no longer has to compete with local residents and businesses for water. But, most importantly, it can improve its golf course and park turf and save water at the same time by utilizing the most modern control systems linked to a central computer by radio.

21 WINTERIZING IRRIGATION SYSTEMS: PROCEDURES THAT AVOID PROBLEMS

Today there are no boundaries for irrigation. All types of irrigation systems are being installed, from the hottest regions of the country to the coldest. A growing number of sports facilities must protect their irrigation systems from winter damage by draining them. Irrigation manufacturers warn that improper drainage procedures can result in severe damage. This article describes how large irrigation systems should be drained in the fall and recharged in the spring. Doing it right requires a little extra effort, but saves money and time in the spring on costly repairs.

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COVER: Wilson Golf Course at Griffith Park in Los Angeles.
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