

MICRO DRIP IRRIGATION INSTALLATION GUIDE



What is Drip Irrigation ?

Drip irrigation is a type of watering system that applies a small amount of water to keep plants healthy and hydrated. Drip irrigation slowly delivers a precise amount of water directly to plant root zones, enabling them to thrive in a healthy environment with a consistent moisture level.

Why Install A Drip Irrigation System ?

- ✓ Saves Water—Water is delivered directly to the roots
- ✓ Saves Money—Up to a 70% reduction in water waste, resulting in lower water bills
- ✓ Saves Time—Replaces hand watering
- ✓ Healthier Plants—Plants flourish when receiving the precise amount of water
- Less Yard Maintenance—Delivers water to the plants, not to weeds



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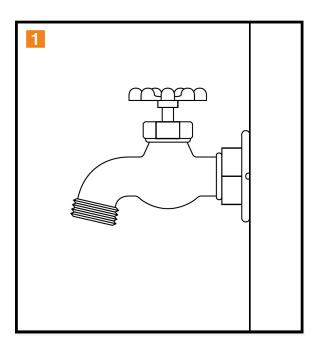
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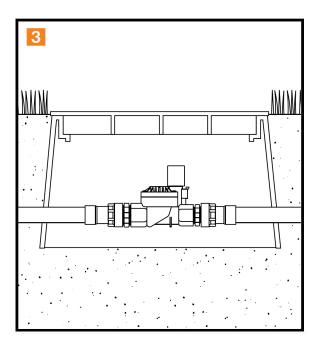
- Contact the local water district for code requirements.
- Before digging, contact utility companies to mark utility lines.

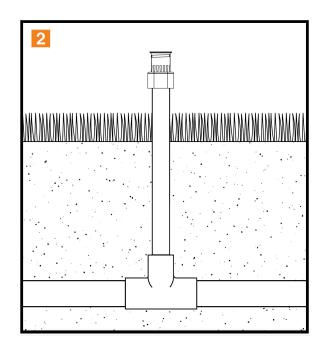
WATER SOURCE CONNECTIONS AND PRESSURE

Water Source Connections—Drip Irrigation Systems can be connected to any of the following water sources. Select the best option for you.

- **1** Outside Hose Faucet
- **2** Existing Underground Sprinkler System
- **3** Direct Connection to an Irrigation Valve







Water Pressure—Obtain a water pressure gauge (available at www.irrigationdepot.ca) and attach it to your source of water.

Drip Irrigation systems are designed to operate between 15–35 PSI (high water pressure may cause system failure).

1 CONNECTING TO AN OUTSIDE HOSE FAUCET

An outside hose faucet is one of the simplest ways to connect your Drip Irrigation system.



THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RECOMMENDED FOR YOUR HOSE FAUCET DRIP IRRIGATION SYSTEM:

A- Electronic Hose Timer

Wide selection on Irrigation Depot Canada www.irrigationdepot.ca

B- Anti-Siphon

Prevents contaminants from entering your drinking water supply. Required in most areas (part # OP-67750)

C- 1/2" Hydro-Lock Fittings FHT

(part # DR-10813) **or Drip-Lock Fittings FHT** (part # OP-67455-07495)

D- 1/2" Distribution Tubing

The main supply line that feeds water to the Drip Irrigation system. Distribution Tube may be installed either above or below ground. (part # DR-67346-69346)

E- 1/2" Ratchet High Pressure Clamp

Use to secure 1/2" tubing to 1/2" barbed fittings. (part # DR-DR-10292)

F- 1/2" In-Line Filters: 80 mesh Screen Filtration device designed to trap foreign particles in the water and reduce clogging of emitters. (part # DR-44365)

G- 1/2" Hydro-Lock Fittings MHT

(part # DR-10809) or **Drip-Lock Fittings MHT** (part # OP-67462-07498)

H- Pressure Regulator FHT x MHT

Reducing high pressure damage and drip system failure. (part # DR-10851 or DR-10852)

I- 1/4" Tap Adapter FHT

This Faucet Adapter connects to all major brands of 1/4" distribution tubing. (part # DR-67432 or DR-10506)

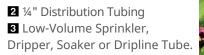
J- 1/4" Distribution Tubing To distribute water (above or below ground) from main pipe to drippers, misters and low volume sprinklers. (part # DR-10905-VINYL-50 or DR-10905-VINYL-100)

2 CONNECTING TO AN EXISTING UNDERGROUND SPRINKLER SYSTEM

Connecting to an existing underground sprinkler system (or Retrofit) is a simple way to supply water to your Drip Irrigation system. Retrofits are commonly used to conserve water by replacing inefficient shrub sprinklers and bubblers.

Retrofit Drip Irrigation systems consist mainly of

Manifold—Attaches to a ½" riser and consists of 1 to 8 outlets.



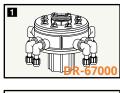
Manifolds—The main function of a Manifold is to distribute water through ¼" outlets. There are 4 types of Manifolds.

Adjustable Flow Manifolds—Ideal when water system pressures exceeds 40 PSI and where flow control is desired (part # DR-67000).

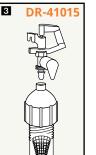
2 Full Flow Manifolds—Ideal for replacing inefficient shrub heads and bubblers (part # DR-67025).

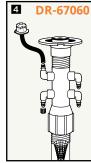
3 Shrub Adapter—Ideal for micro-sprinklers (part # DR-41015).

4 Riser Adapter Manifolds—Permits Drip Irrigation without eliminating a sprinkler head (part #DR-67060).









INSTALLATION FOR ADJUSTABLE- FLOW, FULL-FLOW, AND RISER ADAPTER MANIFOLDS

Remove sprinkler head from a ½" Riser and attach the manifold. (For Riser Adapter Manifold, reattach sprinkler head).

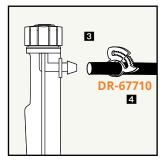
2 Remove Cap(s) from the ¼" Barb(s) and insert ¼" Distribution Tubing.

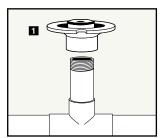
3 Attach a Low-Volume Sprinkler or Drip Irrigation Dripper to the end of the Distribution Tubing.

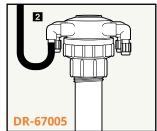
4 To avoid high water pressure failure, install a ¼" High Pressure Clamp on all tube connections (part # DR-67710).

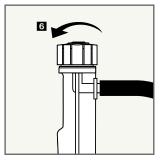
S Position Drip Irrigation Dripper next to plant.

G If applicable, adjust flowcontrol knob for desired flow rate.









2 CONNECTING TO AN EXISTING UNDERGROUND SPRINKLER SYSTEM

Other Retrofit solution: Use Universal Pop-Up Conversion Kit.

The Universal Pop-Up Conversion Kit is Agrifims answer to converting spray head zones to drip irrigation.

This compact unit features a 30PSI regulator, 150 Mesh filter, 2 Universal Drip Tubing Connectors, Cap, and a flow of 6.5 gallons per minute. The unit has been engineered to be universal and will work with all types of spray head zones.

Its low profile design allows connection to the tubing at the desired grade and in tee or elbow configurations. The units 6.5 GPM flow rate is 150% higher than the competition allow installation to be completed with fewer units. Converting to drip from sprays results in a 30 - 70 % reduction in water use.

The Universal Pop-Up Conversion Kit is leading the way toward efficient irrigation with the simplest, most effective spray to drip conversion product available today.





3 CONNECTING TO A DESIGNATED IRRIGATION VALVE

Direct connection to an underground irrigation valve is ideal for medium to large Drip Irrigation projects. This application is most commonly used for gardens, large flower beds, shrubs, trees, and desert landscaping.

Connection to a designated valve consists of

1 3/4" or 1" Irrigation Valve (manual or automatic).

2 Y-Filter (model DR-69736 or DR-97160-PRF-25-075 or others). *Note: Using a filter not designed for Drip irrigation, may cause damage.*

3 1/2" Distribution Tubing (part # DR-67346-69346) or 3/4" Polyethylene or PVC Pipe.

Several models and brands available, see www.irrigationdepot.ca for more informations.

4-in-1 Drip Irrigation valve stands in the market as the industry's first "one piece" low-flow irrigation zone 1 inch valve, 200 mesh filter with flush port, 30 psi pressure regulator and 1/2" Drip tube adapter. (part # OV-67790).

Rain Bird Low Flow Control Zone Kits with PR Filter

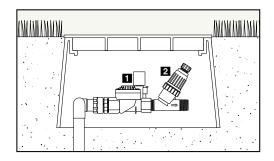
Rain Bird Control Zone Kits provide all of the components necessary for on/off control, filtration, and pressure regulation in a single package, making them simple to order and easy to install. (part # RBV-XCZ-075-PRF)

410BT Series Bluetooth Battery Operated Controller

The 410BT controller's rugged design is ideal for use in residential and commercial applications or where AC power is unavailable. It features a waterproof design (IP 68) and can operate for up to one year on two AA alkaline batteries. The controller includes a single button for manual operation and 3/4" through 2" professional grade in-line valves with flow control. (part # DIG-410BT-100)

Orbit Battery Operated Timer with Valve

No Power? No Wiring? No Problem! The new full-featured isolation timer/valve combo provides up to a year of automatic operation on one set of standard batteries. Installation is simple and the timer utilizes Orbit Easy-Set programming logic. (part # OV-57860).









OV-57860

WATERING SOLUTIONS AT A GLANCE

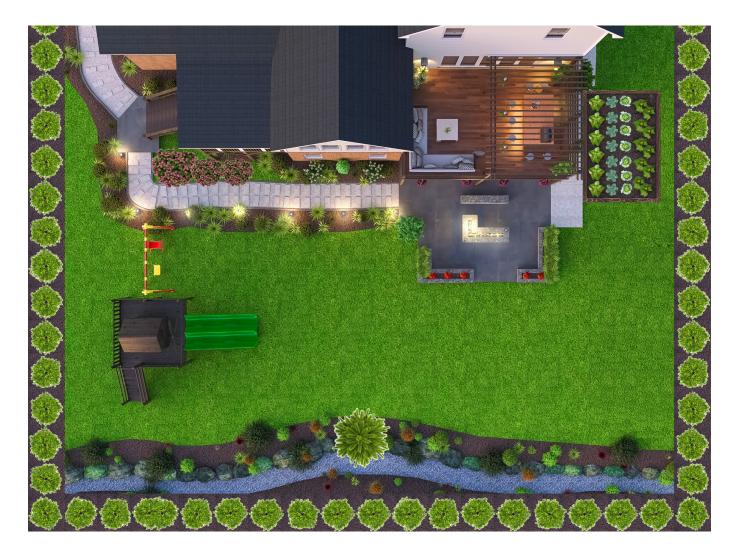
See following pages for typical applications

Vegetable gardens

1/4" or 1/2" Emitter TubingPlace in rowsSpot Watering EmittersAdd near larger plants

Patio Plants

1/4" Emitter TubingUse in containers and narrow plantingsSpot Watering EmittersPlace in each planter



Flower Beds Single Piece Sprays Apply to flowers and shrubs

Landscape Areas

1/2" Emitter TubingUse in larger areasSpot Watering EmittersApply to trees and large shrubs

Widely Spaced Plants Spot Watering Emitters Place in each planter

SMALL VEGETABLE GARDENS

To water closely spaced plants in a vegetable garden, use 1/4" Dripline Tubing connected as a grid spaced 18" apart. In this approach, your Landscape Dripline System soaks the entire area.

A- 1/2" Distribution Tubing This

universal tubing works with new or existing drip systems. To distribute water above or below ground from main pipe to drippers, misters, and low volume sprinklers. (part # DR-67346-69346)

B-1/4" Dripline Tubing

This tubing is a pressure compensating drip line with in-line drip emitters that provide high uniformity and even distribution of water over longer lengths. Ideal for vegetable gardens, row crops, seed beds, planter boxes and fruit trees. (part # DR-12930-SHB106 or DR-12936-SH106)

C- 1/4" Micro Adapter 1/4" barb adapter is used to joint two ends of 1/4" micro tube together. Also, attach the 1/4" pipe by inserting the other end into a 1/2" or 3/4" pipe. (part # DR-40935 or DR-DR-97150

D- 1/2" Hydro-Lock End Cap Easy-toinstall Hydro-Lock fittings for drip irrigation are available in a wide range of configurations for 1/2" poly tubing and dripline applications. (part # DR-DR-10800)

E- 1/4" Barbed Goof Plug

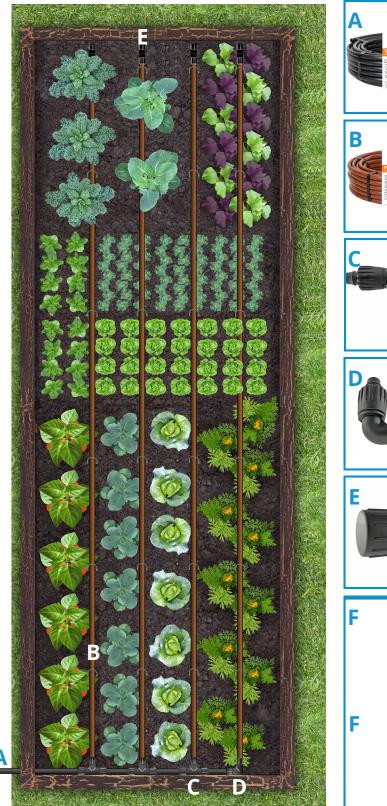
F- 1/4" or 1/2" Stakes Hold-Down (part # DR-10400-10) or 1/2" Loop Stake (part # DR-12912-R61B) or 1/4" Tubing Stake (part # DR-DR-10402-65721)

G- 1/4" In-line Flow Control Valve (optional) Use to open and close any line of 1/4" microtube. Turn top 90 degrees to open or close. (part # DR-42155)



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1/2" Hydro-Lock Elbow (part # DR-10801)

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or

1/2" Loop Stake (part # DR-12912-R61B)

POTTED PLANTS

Depending upon the size of your plants and containers, your patio watering system may consist of 1/4" Dripline Tubing or Spot Watering Emitters placed directly on top of the potting soil. Run 1/4" tubing from the main 1/2" tubing.

For larger plants, use 1/4" Dripline Tubing in a loop around the plant. For smaller plants, you can use 1/4" Tubing and 1/4" Tubing Stakes to direct water at the base of each plant.

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C- Pressure Compensating Emitter A PC emitter with a turbulent flow path, sealed to maintain pre-set discharge rates and uniformity. Ideal for pots, patios and landscape applications. See Irrigation Depot.ca for many choices.

D- Manifold It may be used with 1/4" micro tubing, 1/4" dripline or with individual drippers.

E- 1/4" Distribution Tubing

To distribute water (above or below ground) from main pipe to drippers, misters and low volume sprinklers. UV-resistant (part # DR-10903-VINYL-100).

F- 1/4" Barbed Elbow

1/4" barb elbow is used to join two ends of 1/4" micro tube together in a 90 degree angle (part # DR-40295-10502).



G- 1/4" Tubing Stake Use the tubing stakes to hold drip heads and tubing at the desired height. These stakes are universal and will work with all drip systems (part # DR-10402-65721).

HANGING BASKETS PLANTS

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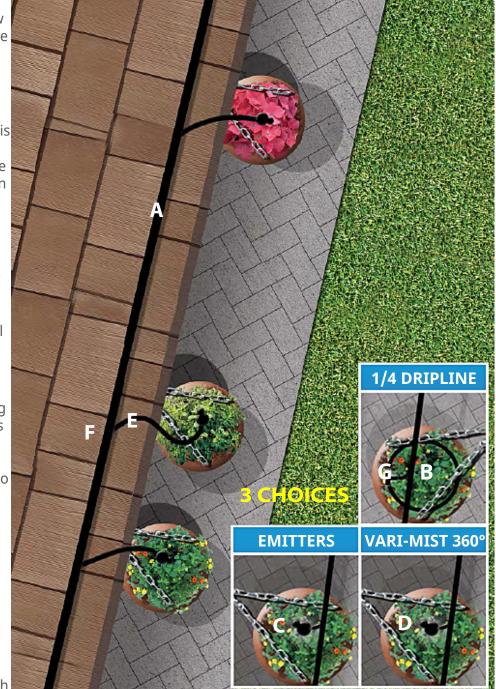
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D- Vari-Mist 360° The flexible Misting Sprinkler is ideal for hanging baskets and container plants. Wrap the flexible memory tube around the supports and position the sprinkler to the right spot. (part # DR-66190, DR-59035, DR-59045)

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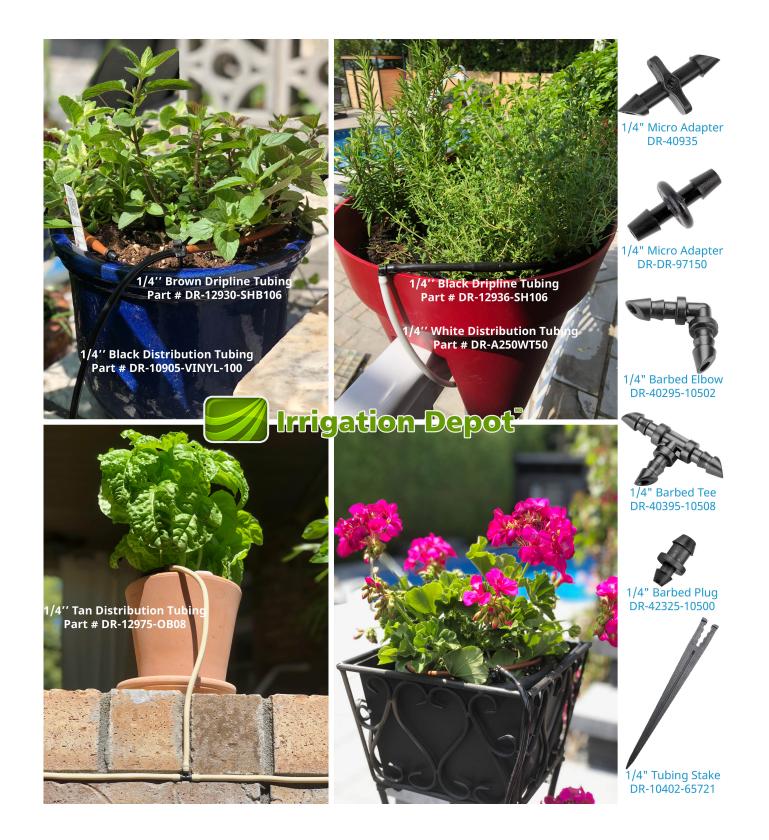
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Micro Single Piece Spray Installation with a 1/4" Flexible Tubing



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LANDSCAPE AREAS

Use a combination of Dripline Tubing and spot watering emitters to reach all areas of your planting bed. For closely spaced plants such as ground covers, use 1/2" Dripline Tubing connected in a grid pattern.

The recommended spacing between 1/2" Dripline Tubing runs is 18" to 24". Extend irrigation to narrow planting areas using 1/4" Dripline Tubing.

To reach widely spaced bushes or trees, tap off of the main 1/2" tubing by using 1/4" tubing and spot watering emitters and 1/4" tubing stakes.

