

## **What a Waste**

Have you ever spilled a drink? Have you dropped a can of Coca-Cola® or knocked over a glass of wine? Not only do you have a mess to clean up, but what a waste of a good beverage.

Broken sprinklers are a waste as well. A spray nozzle will flow up to four gallons of water per minute. A typical spray system for the grass should operate for two cycles of nine minutes each or three cycles of six minutes each. The total run time should be somewhere around twenty minutes. The system should only run two times per week during the heat of the summer. If a nozzle is broken, the water is not being distributed to the plant material as designed. The water is usually shooting straight up into the air or flowing over the curb and into the gutter. It's usually eroding the soil around it as well. Each time the system is run, a single nozzle can waste up to 80 gallons of water. The W.I.S.E. Guys program evaluates residential irrigation systems to help the owner of the system understand what improvements can be made to their system to conserve wasted irrigation water. Out of the more than 1,200 systems we have currently evaluated, 60% have one or more broken sprinklers. Is your system one of those with a broken sprinkler wasting 80 gallons of water or more every time it turns on? Request an irrigation system evaluation from a W.I.S.E. Guys Licensed Irrigator today and stop this unnecessary waste of our most precious natural resource.

The evaluations are provided by the W.I.S.E. Guys with all costs paid for by Cinco Municipal Utility District No. 1 (the Cinco Ranch area Master District) and the North Fort Bend Water Authority. For your FREE irrigation evaluation, please log on to [www.nfbwa.com/wiseguys](http://www.nfbwa.com/wiseguys). For more information on W.I.S.E. Guys, please visit [www.vepollc.com](http://www.vepollc.com) and click on W.I.S.E. Guys. Get your EVALUATION now.