

Straighten Up!
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Stand up straight, lift your chin! Why were you ever told to do this? Because standing up straight and lifting your chin creates better posture. You are less prone to injury and normally perform better with good posture.

You guessed it, your irrigation system is the same. If a sprinkler is leaning to one side, it cannot perform well and distribute the water evenly over the intended irrigated area. Some areas end up being overwatered while other areas do not receive enough water. If a sprinkler is set too low in the ground, the water can be distorted by the leaves of the grass. If the sprinkler is set too high, the sprinkler may be damaged from mowing equipment. By setting sprinklers at the correct level with the soil's surface, and by aligning the sprinklers so they are perpendicular to the soil's surface, Brigham Young University was able to save 20% of their irrigation water. On a typical residential irrigation system, this same savings would equate to approximately 36,200 gallons of water annually. If your irrigation system is more than one year old, you more than likely will need to adjust the height and alignment of many of the sprinklers. Be sure to request an irrigation system evaluation from a W.I.S.E. Guys Licensed Irrigator and determine if you can conserve water right away by simply raising and aligning your sprinkler heads.

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 <http://www.nfbwa.com/wiseguys>. For more information on W.I.S.E. Guys, please visit <http://www.vepollc.com> and click on W.I.S.E. Guys. Get your EVALUATION now.