

Main Water Shut-Off Valve

Everyone should know where the main water shut-off valve is located in their home. In most homes it is located between your furnace and your hot water heater. The valve should be tested and lubricated as necessary in the event of an emergency and it has to be turned off.



Two examples of commonly used shut off valves

How to Check Your Valve

1. Lubricate the Valve

- To lubricate the valve, spray a little bit of WD-40 on the valve, then turn slowly to the right until the valve is turned off.

2. Check your Valve

- While the valve is in the OFF position, turn the faucet on in any sink in the house. The water should not run. This means the valve is in good working order.
- If the water does not STOP, there is a problem and a licensed plumber should be called.