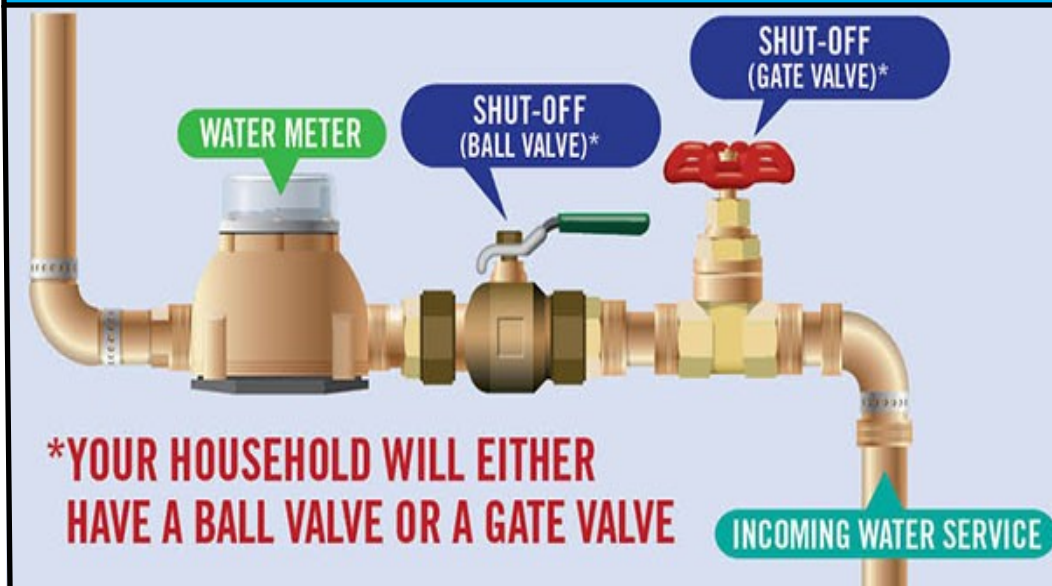


## DO YOU KNOW WHERE TO FIND YOUR WATER SHUT-OFF VALVE?



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**Water Shut-off valve not working or have a leak and the valve is not holding? Please contact the Department of Public Utilities to arrange shut-off 815-724-4220**

Knowing **how** and **where** to shut off your home's main water supply is as important as knowing how and where to turn-off or reset an electric breaker or replace a fuse. Home construction differs greatly; basements, crawl-spaces, and slab-on-grade. Water shut-off valves may have round "wheel" handles or lever handles.

### Who should know where the shut off valve is?

*Everyone* living in the home old enough to be there by themselves. You never know when a broken pipe or leak can happen. Take away the panic - be prepared.

### Locating the proper valve:

**Basements** – the shut-off valve is typically located near the front foundation wall. The main water line may come through the concrete floor or through the wall. The valve is typically within 3-5 feet of where the main water enters. In some cases, the main water may enter in a different area, like a mechanical room, up through the floor, near the water heater or furnace.

**Crawl-space plus a basement** – the shut-off valve may be where the water enters the basement or in some older homes, the shut-off may be inside the crawl space. If the latter is true, you may want to consider a secondary valve located in the basement.

**Crawl-space with no basement** – the shut off valve will typically be located near the water heater or under the kitchen sink, but anywhere is possible. It may be inside the crawl-space; in which case, you may want to consider a secondary valve located up in the living space (near the water heater or under a sink).

**Slab-on-grade construction** – the shut-off valve will typically be located near the water heater or under the kitchen sink, but anywhere is possible.

### Closing the main valve (Shut-off/Turn-off):

Round "wheel" handle valves will turn-off by turning the handle to the right (clockwise). It may take 2 or more full revolutions.

Slowly turn "level" handle valves  $\frac{1}{4}$  turn, until the handle is not parallel with the pipe. It should stop at a  $\frac{1}{4}$  turn. Open a tub or sink faucet (hot & cold), on the highest level to relieve pressure and watch the spout to ensure a full shut-down. Then continue to open faucets throughout the home to drain-down as needed.