

In an emergency, do you know where and how to shut off the water valve? You should...

Everyone should know where their emergency water shut off valve is. These valves are located where the water line enters your home or building, which is typically in the basement, crawl space, or garage.

You should locate this valve and make sure it is always accessible. Do not wait for an emergency to locate your emergency shut off valve! During an emergency, seconds matter, and you don't want to be scrambling to find it or move objects to get to it.

In the event of an emergency, like a frozen or broken water pipe, you can turn this valve off to stop the flow of water. Using this valve to turn the water off is typically quicker and safer than turning the water off at the water meter. Knowing where your emergency shut off valve is and making sure that the other members of your household know too will help ensure that you can quickly shut your water off during or after an emergency.

There are **two main types of shut off valves**, a **wheel valve** and a **ball valve**.

To close a wheel valve, you must turn the wheel clockwise until it is snug.

To close a ball valve, turn the handle a quarter turn until the handle is perpendicular to the water pipe it is on.



Oregon City, through our partners at Clackamas River Water Providers, are now offering rebates on popular smart leak detection devices. Some of these devices are also able to automatically shut off the water to your home or building if a leak is detected. To find out more about these products and the rebates we offer, please visit: <https://www.clackamasproviders.org/conservation-rebates/>