

How to shut off the water to your house

It's good to know how to turn off the water to your house or business. This is especially true in cold weather because there is an increased chance of water pipes freezing or bursting. If a pipe bursts in your home – the kitchen, bath, basement, or crawl space – knowing the location of the water shut off valve can protect your property and save water.

Watch this helpful video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RvE6n7rTGnM>

The location of the shut off valve varies from building to building. Common locations include the basement, the garage or crawl space, and even outside your home near the foundation. Some houses do not have a water shut off valve but all of them have a meter located in a box, usually in the yard or sidewalk, and a shut-off valve is in the meter box.

If you cannot locate your water shut off valve or if it appears to be stuck, we recommend calling a plumber. To close the shut off valve in your meter box, it is best to have a Key Tool (Tee bar) which you may purchase at any home improvement store, or you can use a crescent wrench and screwdriver.

What does a water shut off valve look like? Your water shut off valve may take many different forms. Below are a few of the most common types of shut off valves. The upper three photos show inside shut off valves. The lower two photos show a meter box with a shut off valve.



If you have any questions,
 contact a licensed plumber,
 or call Scott County PSA
 at 276-386-3401.

