

## **Where's the Master Shut-Off??**

Do you know where your master water shut-off valve is in your home? If you're not home, do other family members know where your water shut-off valve is? Do they know how to shut the water off in an emergency?

Sometimes water pipes inside the home leak or break. Hot water heaters may burst, toilets may leak - unfortunately it's a fact of life. If your toilets and hot water heaters have individual shut-off valves, that's great, be sure all family members know how to use them and be sure the valves work properly.

What if a water pipe ruptures in your home or if your toilets and hot water heaters don't have their own shut-off valve? A master shut-off valve can make a big, big difference. If a water pipe breaks or a water fixture ruptures, knowing where your master water shut-off valve is and getting the master water valve shut down right away can help avert a major catastrophe and help keep your repairs and clean-up simple.

If a water pipe breaks or begins leaking, you will want to know where your water shut-off valve is. The master water shut-off valve is usually located close to where the water line comes into your house. Are you sure the valve works? If in doubt, you may wish to have a plumber check it out. We recommend the valve handle be painted blue or properly labeled (if it is not already), so all family members know what it's for if a water pipe should happen to break.

We hope you never have a water pipe break or a hot water heater burst, but if it does, you will want to know where your master shut-off valve is, so you can minimize your damages and clean-up time.