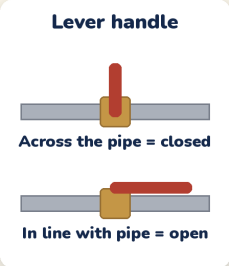
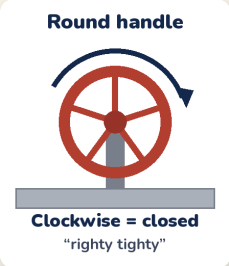
Find Your Shutoffs + Freeze Protection

1. Main water shutoff (turns off water to the whole house)

- Look where the water line comes in: basement/crawlspace wall facing the street, by the meter, utility room, garage, near the water heater. Warm climates: outside by the foundation. Well: near the pressure tank.
- Lever handle (ball valve): lever ACROSS the pipe = OFF. In line with the pipe = ON.
- Round wheel (gate or globe valve): turn CLOCKWISE until it stops = OFF. Takes several turns.



Lever: across = closed.

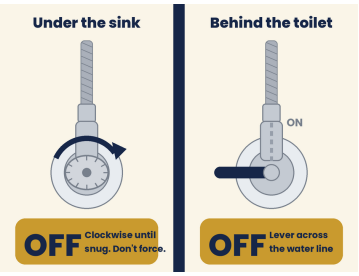


Round: clockwise = closed.

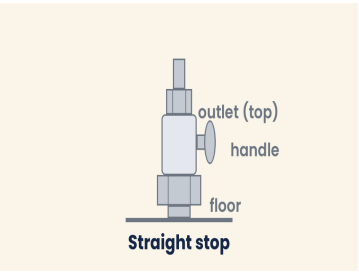
- No valve inside? It may be at the meter box by the street (curb stop). Call your water utility first.
- Stuck? Do not force it with a big wrench. Have a licensed plumber replace it.

2. Sink, toilet and appliance shutoffs (supply stops)

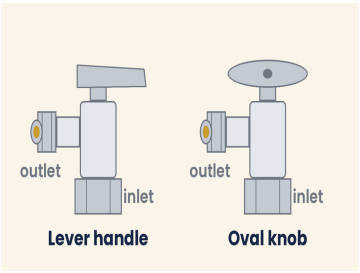
- Under a sink: two valves. HOT on the LEFT, COLD on the RIGHT.
- Behind a toilet: one valve, cold only. Washing machine: two valves, hot left, cold right.
- Water heater: the shutoff is on the COLD line going into the heater.
- Angle stop = comes out of the wall and turns up. Straight stop = comes up out of the floor.



Sink: clockwise. Toilet: lever across.



Straight stop: up from the floor.



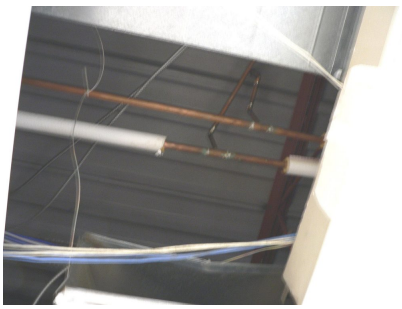
Angle stops: lever or oval knob.

- OFF: knob clockwise until it stops, or small lever across the pipe. No valve? Use the main.

3. Outdoor spigots (hose bibs)

- Find the indoor shutoff on the pipe to each spigot. Close it, then open the spigot outside to drain.





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Freeze Protection + Walk-Through

4. Before a hard freeze

- Disconnect, drain and store garden hoses.
- Insulate pipes in unheated spaces: crawlspace, garage, attic.
- Keep the garage door closed if water lines run there.
- Very cold night: open sink cabinets on outside walls; let cold water drip from a faucet served by exposed pipes.
- Away from home: keep the heat at 55°F or higher.

If a pipe freezes

- Keep the faucet open.
- Warm the pipe with a hair dryer, heating pad, or towels soaked in hot water. NEVER use an open flame.
- Cannot find, reach or thaw it? Call a licensed plumber.

If a pipe bursts

- Shut off the main first, then call a plumber. Water near outlets or the panel? Stay out, call a pro.

5. Your 10-minute walk-through (tap or tick)

- [ ] I found the main shutoff and know which way is OFF
- [ ] I showed everyone in the house where it is
- [ ] I found the shutoffs under each sink and behind each toilet
- [ ] I found the shutoff on the cold line into the water heater
- [ ] I found the washing machine valves
- [ ] I found the indoor shutoff for each outdoor spigot
- [ ] Hoses are off, spigots drained
- [ ] The path to the main shutoff is clear

Want a full room-by-room valve map? See the Shutoff Valve House Map at honestbobco.com/printables.html

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