

With the recent earthquake scare, a number of people were concerned regarding where to turn off the gas to their home if needed. We hope this information will be helpful.

When to Turn Off Your Gas

Do not shut off the gas unless you smell gas, hear gas escaping, see a broken gas line or if you suspect a gas leak. If you shut off the gas, there may be a considerable delay before the Gas CO. can turn your service on. Once the gas is shut off at the meter, do not try to turn it back on yourself. If the gas service shutoff valve is closed, a qualified professional should perform a safety inspection before the gas service is restored and the appliance pilots are lit.

If you choose to have an **earthquake gas shut-off valve installed**, the valve must be installed on the **downstream side** of the meter. The downstream side is the **customer side** of the meter. This must be installed a licensed plumbing contractor to ensure that the valve is installed on the downstream side (that is, the customer side of the meter), not on The Gas Company's facilities property. **Earthquake valves are not permitted in utility curb meter vaults.**



Gas Service Shutoff Valve

In an emergency, your gas can be turned off at the main gas service shutoff valve normally located near your gas meter. Using a 12 to 15 inch **adjustable pipe** or **crescent-type wrench** or other suitable tool, give the valve a quarter turn in either direction; the valve is closed when the tang (the part you put the wrench on) is crosswise to the pipe.

- Know where your main gas service shutoff valve is located.
- Keep an adjustable pipe or crescent-type wrench available to turn off the gas in case of an emergency
- Know how to shut off the gas at the gas service shutoff valve
- Leave it off until service can be restored safely by the Gas Co. or another qualified professional

If your gas service is configured differently from the one described and you wish to know how to turn off your gas, please contact the Gas company.

Appliance Gas Shutoff Valve



Most gas appliances have a gas shutoff valve located near the appliance that lets you turn off the gas to that appliance only. In some cases, turning off the gas at the appliance's shutoff valve will suffice if there is a gas leak or the appliance needs to be replaced or serviced. You should have an appliance gas shutoff valve installed at each gas appliance that lets you turn off the gas to that appliance only, instead of shutting off all gas at the main gas service shutoff valve.