

BEFORE YOU EXPERIENCE A WATER EMERGENCY

Know where individual shut off valves are located for most plumbing fixtures.

- **Kitchen Sink and Bathroom Sink:** Shut offs are located under sinks in cabinets. There are two valves, one for hot water and one valve for cold water. Both valves must be shut off to work on or replace faucet fixture.
- **Dishwasher and Garbage Disposal:** Shut off is located under kitchen sink in cabinet, you may need to trace water lines to be sure you are shutting off the right valve.
- **Toilets:** Generally, the shut off for the toilet is on the left side, below and to the back side of the toilet. Either a riser out of the floor, or protruding from the wall. To make any repairs to the fixtures inside the tank, or to replace entire toilet, the valve must be shut off. If toilet is in need of repair, but time is not immediately available, the shut off valve can be turned on and off as toilet is needed until leak can be repaired.
- **Clothes Washer:** Generally, hot and cold water supply valves are located behind the washer, on the wall. **Note!** If you notice the washer partially fills with water when not in use, it could possibly be the electronic valve (operated by the timer) on the back of the washer. If this happens, shutting off the supply valves will prevent water waste until washer can be repaired.
- **Ice Maker (Refrigerator):** For newer homes a water supply valve is located either protruding from the wall, or a “riser” in the floor behind the refrigerator. Should you have a problem, the refrigerator needs to be moved out away from the wall to access this valve. There is normally enough excess water line to allow for this purpose.
- **Bathtub and Shower:** Most homes do not have individual shut offs for the tub and shower. If you have a leak at the fixtures the water should be shut off at the homes main supply valve, before repairs are made.
- **Irrigation System:** If the irrigation system needs to be shut off due to broken sprinkler or sprinkler line after the control valves, the timer can be turned to the off position. If the system continues to run, or a control valve is broken or leaking, then the supply valve should be shut off. The irrigation supply valve can be located in a plastic can by the control valves, or by the “riser” (supplying water to the house) or in some cases just outside the water meter box. If you cannot locate the irrigation supply valve, contact either the home builder or your Water Department.