If a water pipe breaks in your home or yard, would you know how to shut off your water to avoid flooding and damage? Find out where your water meter and shut-off valve are located before there's an emergency.

Many of the newer homes built today have a shut-off valve inside the house or garage, which should be used as your first line of defense. Water meters are owned and maintained by the PUD and are situated on your property near a road on what is called a utility easement or right-of-way. However, in many of the more rural areas, your meter could be located across the street or even on a different road. So, the time to locate your meter is before you have an emergency.

To shut off your water at the meter using the shut-off valve in the meter box, use an adjustable wrench to turn the valve CLOCKWISE. If the shut-off is too tight, you may need a screwdriver to use as leverage in the wrench handle for shutting off your meter. See illustration below.

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