



Backflow Testing – An Annual Requirement

To protect our drinking water and ensure clean, safe, potable water, the District maintains a Cross Connection Program required by the Oregon Health Authority (OAR 333-061-0070). Customers with inground irrigation, fire sprinkler systems, and/or certain water features such as fountains and pools are required by law to have their backflow tested annually by a state certified tester. We prefer residential customers to test their backflow assemblies early in the year and before the summer irrigation season. Annual passing reports are due **September 30, 2023**.

Fire Hydrant Flushing

The District will be flushing fire hydrants within our boundary area over the summer. Hydrant flushing is one of the most important practices to preserve public water systems. It is a controlled action that clears out sediments and minerals from the water main, ensuring proper water flow is available for firefighting needs. During hydrant flushing, you may notice reduced water pressure and flow along with a slight discoloration of your water. This discoloration is temporary and normal due to iron and other minerals in the water. Simply run your cold tap for 2-3 minutes to clear your system.

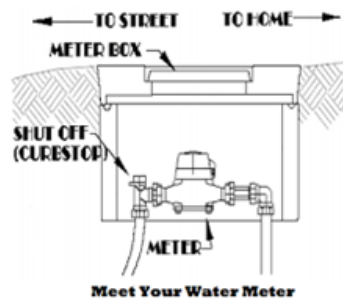
What is the Difference between a Customer’s Water Shutoff Valve and the District’s Curb Stop?

As a homeowner or tenant, it is important to know where the main shut-off valve is located within your home and how it operates. The location of the shut-off valve can vary based on the year your home was constructed. Many shut-off valves can typically be found in the basement, a crawl space, the garage, or an outer facing wall of your home. For newer homes, the shut off valve may be installed near the District’s water meter box. The District’s ordinance requires all customers to have a shutoff valve installed on their water service line. **Remember, a customer’s shutoff valve is different from the District’s curb stop valve.** Customers and contractors are not allowed to manipulate the curb stop valve at any time. To have your water turned off at the meter, please call the District office and a utility technician will be dispatched.

Typical Water District
Curb Stop Valve



Typical Water Meter



Typical Customer
Shutoff Valve



Water Conservation...Make every drop count!

It’s easy to save water. Here are four tips to help conserve water in your bathroom:

- 1- Fix leaks in faucets, showerheads, and toilets
- 2- Cut your shower time by two minutes
- 3- Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth
- 4- Never use your toilet as a waste basket

To learn more ways to save this valuable resource, the District has an easy-to-read 5 ½ x 7 ½ booklet that offers 13 ways to conserve water and help lower your costs. We also offer an engaging Coloring & Activities Book with stickers for children. Each booklet is free; just call the office to receive a copy.

Water Humor... Q: Why did the melon jump into the river? A: It wanted to be a water-melon.