

## How do I locate my water meter in an emergency?

The diagram here shows the typical meter boxes found flush with the ground and what you will see inside the boxes below in the ground. Meter box lids will vary in size and shape; some may even be rectangular rather than round. Many may not be marked as well as the ones shown in this diagram; and only have a plain lid.

**The large box** contains the water meter owned and maintained by the District. Customers may open the meter lid and read their own meter to check for leaks. If checking for leaks, be certain that ALL water outlets (including washing machines, etc.) are turned off. The meter should not be changing numbers at all if no leaks are present in your residence. If the meter numbers are moving, you may have a leak.

**The small box closest to the large box** is the Customer's Shutoff Valve to be used in times of emergencies or when making repairs to customer fixtures. Open the box and turn the valve handle 90° to block (shutoff) the water from coming into the residential lines. After work is completed, turn the water on by returning the valve handle back in-line with the water pipe. Your valve might have a circular twist type handle for shutoff instead of a lever as pictured.

**The valve closest to the house** may or may not be present. This valve is the pressure regulator which maintains the correct water pressure to the home when pressure in the main is high.

**Other boxes containing wires or valves** may be found in yards when sprinkler systems are installed. Familiarize yourself with this system as well as your irrigation control box.



ABOVE-GROUND



IN-GROUND

TOP VIEW

Customer's Pressure Regulating Valve

Customer's Shutoff Valve

District's Water Meter

SIDE VIEW

Each home is designed individually. Familiarize yourself with location and type of valves prior to an emergency.





