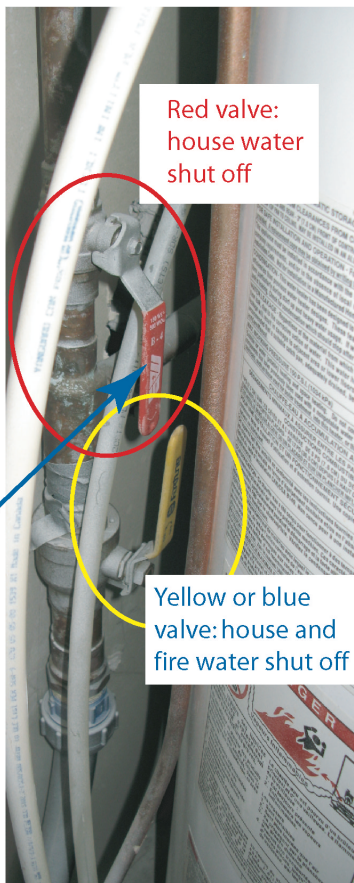


HOUSEHOLD WATER SUPPLY SHUT OFF

It is very important for homeowners to know how to turn off the water supply in your home so that in an emergency you are able to shut off the water. As well, it is recommended that the household water supply be turned off when the home is unoccupied for an extended period, but it is critical that the water supply to the sprinkler system be left on.

Each townhouse has two shut off valves inside the unit, located very close to each other. The location of the valves varies depending on the floor plan, but is typically next to or near the hot water tank. This photo shows a typical installation.



Locate the water supply inlet (black PVC pipe), usually near the floor. Follow the pipe up to the first valve lever.

The **first valve lever** is either blue, yellow or unpainted and shuts off all water coming into the townhouse, including the ceiling fire protection sprinklers. The water supply to the sprinkler can be seen just downstream of this valve.

The **second valve lever** is either orange or red and shuts off the household water supply to the hot water tank, bathrooms, kitchen etc. Off this valve is the water pressure regulator which regulates the household water. Closing this valve does not affect the sprinkler system.

The first valve (blue, yellow or unpainted) should be closed only if a problem exists with the sprinkler system, as closing this valve deactivates the fire protection system. The second valve (orange or red) can be closed when you want to shut off your water, such as when you are going to be away from your home for an extended period or if there is a problem in household plumbing.