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**“We Recommend Turning Valves
Every Six Months to Keep Them
Operable In Case of a Leak”**

- Main Water Valve
- Hose bib Shut-Off valve
- Water heater shut-Off Valve
- Clothes Washer Shut-Off Valve
- Gas Valve
- Other _____

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MAIN WATER SHUT-OFF VALVE – (Keep Open)

Turn clockwise to OFF position in the event of a pipe leak anywhere. Also, close this main valve if you are leaving the house unoccupied (vacations, etc.) for an extended period of time. Additionally, vacation proof your property by turning power off to your electric or oil-fired water heater. For gas-fired water heaters, turn the thermostat down to a lower setting.

HOSE BIB SHUT-OFF VALVES – Leave open during warm weather and closed during freezing weather. In the Fall, besides closing the valves to all hose bibs, remove hoses, open the outside hose bib valve and leave open until next Spring.

PRESSURE RELIEF VALVE – These are found on water heaters, boilers and possibly other appliances. As the name implies, these are safety features and should never be disabled. Home inspectors cannot operate these valves and check only for leaks. Leaking safety relief valves should be repaired by a licensed contractor.

WATER HEATER SHUT-OFF VALVE – Leave in open position unless a leak occurs in the water heating system, including pipes serving the water heater and the tank itself. Tanks normally cannot be repaired. If leaking, replace the water heater.

CLOTHES WASHER SHUT-OFF VALVES – We recommend turning both the hot and cold water valves off when the clothes washer is not in use. This prevents flooding by a burst hot or cold water service hose.

GAS VALVES – Use as needed, but not if the smell of gas is present. If so, immediately leave the house. Do not use the house phone. Call the gas company immediately from outside the house and wait for their serviceman to arrive, inspect and correct the cause of the gas leak.