

CONTROLLING YOUR UTILITIES

ELECTRICAL • GAS • WATER

Before any Emergency Know How to Shut off the Utilities:

1. Locate the following:

- A. Electric Fuse Box and the Electrical Meter. (The Fuse Box is usually located inside the house. The Electrical Meter is usually outside.)

- B. Gas Main Valve. (Outside where the gas line enters the house.)

- C. Water Main (usually 2 places - one inside the house and the other outside where the city can read it.)

2. Teach family members how to safely shut off utilities.

- A. Proper sequence to shut off utilities.

1. Electricity
2. Gas
3. Water

- B. Attach a wrench to the gas meter so that you will not need to look for one during an emergency.

- C. Have the proper tool attached near the water main to turn it off.

After an Emergency

1. Turn off utilities if you suspect the lines are damaged.

2. Turn off electricity from the safest point. Beware of water. Wires and water don't mix.

3. If you smell or hear gas, shut off the gas main immediately and open windows. Contact the gas company before turning the gas back on.

4. Turn the water main off only if a line is broken.

5. Shut off utilities if instructed to do so or if you are in doubt and have concerns that you are in danger.

IMPORTANT! ELECTRICITY - Stay out of water and don't touch any bare wires until electricity is turned off, this could electrocute you.