

Wild Rose Meadow
Shut-off Options for the Water Line into a House

- 1st – The outlet point at the fixture (under sink or cabinet- at the washer...)
- 1 1/2 – the hot water system can be disabled at the valve located in the mechanical closet.
- 2nd – EITHER the shut off in the crawl space/or the shut off at the meter. Whichever is easier to get to.
- 3rd - EITHER the shut off in the crawl space/or the shut off at the meter. Whichever is easier to get to.
- 4th – There is a shut off at each “meter-cluster” that will shut down the entire cluster.

Why is the valve in the crawl space, as opposed to in a wall?

The purpose of a valve in the crawlspace as opposed to a wall, is that the shut off of flow into the walls and floor of the home is completely outside of the framed structure. If this valve, or any pipe leading to it fails, the damage will be contained outside the envelope. If the valve and/or any pipe leading to it was located inside the structure, a failure would compromise the structure. I have had this argument with many people and generally have agreed to disagree about this location. I would like to disable the water flow to my home in a manner that allows me to have the disconnect point disable all lines within the structure. If you move this valve inside the structure – that is an impossibility.

While it may be hard to access this valve for some people, there is always the meter box. Most leaks that a homeowner tackles are in the realm of the angle valves under their sink, next to the toilet or other more nominal fix. Anything beyond that is likely going to require a plumber, who is going to defer to the meter 90% of the time.