

Turning Your Gas Off

Turning off at the Gas Meter - Knowing the location of your main shutoff valve will help you turn off the gas supply to your entire home quickly. In general, you don't need to shut off a gas meter unless there is an emergency such as a strong odor or sound of escaping gas, if there is a fire within your home or if there is major damage to the building. If your gas is turned off, there may be a considerable delay before OPU can turn your service back on. Do NOT turn the gas back on yourself, leave it off until service can be re-established safely by an OPU service person or other qualified professional. Turning the gas back on when your pilot lights have been previously extinguished may cause a hazard.

- Know where your main shut-off valve is located. Where the gas pipe comes out of the ground under your gas meter.
- Keep a wrench (large crescent wrench) handy to turn off the gas in an emergency.

Appliance Shutoff Valve

Most gas appliances have a valve that lets you turn off the gas to that appliance only and keep the piping in your house and your other gas appliances live.

- Know which of your home's appliances run on natural gas.
- Know where their appliance shutoff valves are located. In most cases (non-emergencies), turning off the gas at the appliance's shutoff valve will suffice.
- Always have any work that is completed on your gas piping and connection be performed by a certified professional.