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Attention: Town of Hurlock Homeowners

IN HOUSE WATER CUT-OFF VALVES

The Mayor and Council of Hurlock, and the Hurlock Public Works Department, with the cooperation of homeowners within the Town of Hurlock want to save each and every homeowner the possibility of thousands of dollars in damages, and many hours of aggravation. This savings can be made by checking one simple, but very important fixture in your home.

The fixture that we are talking about is the main shut-off valve to your home. State plumbing code requires that each and every home have a working cut-off valve for your safety and protection of your property. Many homeowners never bother to check this valve until there is a problem, and then it doesn't work when needed. We suggest that each homeowner check this valve at least twice per year, and replace it when it isn't working, immediately.

The Town of Hurlock Public Works Department will cooperate with each and every homeowner by offering free cut-offs for replacement or repair to your current valve, regardless of when you want it completed. In the near future, the Town will have to charge for this service, since curb valves located in front yards are intended to be used for non-payment, vacant residences, and service line isolation. They are not intended for routine repairs and plumbing problems in the home. Try calling your power company each time you have an in house electrical problem. They will not shut off electric service for you to repair a wire.

Your local plumber can easily repair, or install a main line valve and prevent major damage from occurring, and give you the piece of mind that your home is protected from major water damage from plumbing problems which are inevitable.

We suggest that each year when you set your clocks back in the fall, and forward in the spring, that you also test your smoke alarms and test the shut-off valve to your home. Please remember to replace or repair valves that do not shut off water flow immediately. Winter weather with frozen and broken pipes is coming quickly.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Town of Hurlock
Department of public Works