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HOUSEHOLD PLUMBING FIXTURE WATER SUPPLY ANGLE STOP VALVES

WHAT IS AN ANGLE STOP VALVE?

It is the valve that is located at the wall under your sink or toilet.

WHAT IS IT USED FOR?

Its only purpose is to shut off the water to your plumbing fixtures when changing or repairing one of the fixtures.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- It is a 90-degree turn valve and is to be turned without the aid of a tool.
- To turn the valve off turn it 90 degrees clockwise. When the valve is off the flats on the handle will be across the valve.
- To turn the valve on turn it 90 degrees counter clockwise from the closed position. When the valve is on the flats on the handle will be in line with the discharge fitting.

WHY DO YOU HAVE THIS NOTICE?

All valves will eventually fail.

HOW MAY A VALVE FAIL TO FUNCTION?

There are two ways that these valves could fail.

1. The valve handle fails to turn the valve stem.
2. The valve seal may be damaged by being extruded into the valve opening.

WHAT ARE THE INDICATIONS OF A VALVE FAILURE?

When a valve fails to function for either of the above reason you may determine if it has failed by:

1. Turning both the hot and cold angle stop valve handles to the closed position
2. Open the sink valve and switch between the hot and cold-water positions.
3. To test the angle stop valve supplying your toilet, turn off the valve and flush your toilet and see if the tank begins to fill again.

If water continues to flow out and into your toilet or sink in either or both of the valve positions, you have a valve failure.

NOTE: You do not need to do the above unless you are planning to repair or replace your sink valve.

WHAT DO I DO IF AN ANGLE STOP FAILS TO SHUT OFF?

1. Turn off your sink valves
2. Re open both of the angle stop valves under your sink and you will be back to the same condition you had prior to the test.
3. If you are planning on working on your sink fixture then you must complete a "48 Hour Water Stack Shut-off Request" with the WCA Office. This will shut off the water that supplies the piping in your wall.
4. Plan to replace both of the angle stops to your sink on the day that you have the water shut off.
5. NOTE: Place a 3/8" screw-on cap on any valve discharge that you will be leaving unattended. This will prevent any possible leakage from the system while you are not there.