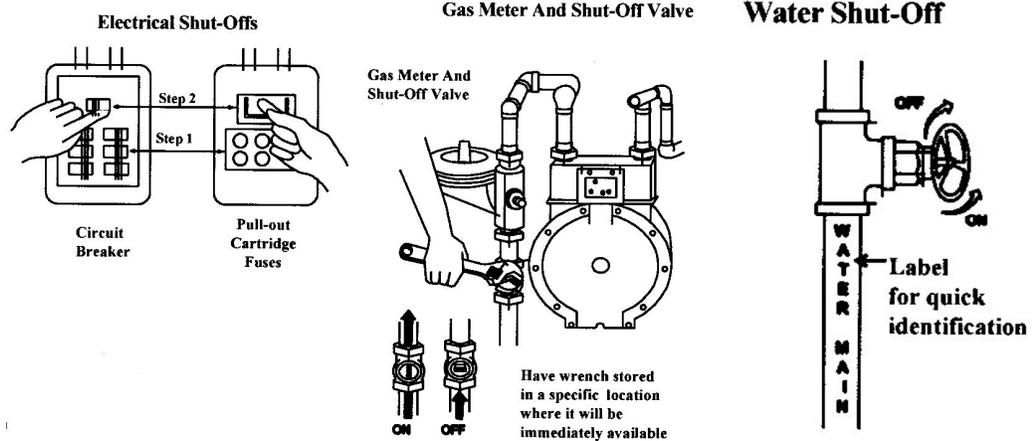


Shut Off Your Electricity, Gas, and Water!



In a disaster, the first step is to shut off electricity, natural gas, and possibly your water! This will prevent other hazards and protect your home.

Electrical Shutoff: The left diagram shows a **Circuit Box** (or "Breaker Box") on the left and a **Fuse Box** on the right. Fuse boxes are usually found in older homes.

Step 1:

Circuit Box: Turn off ALL individual breakers.

Fuse Box: Unscrew and remove ALL individual fuses.

Step 2:

Circuit Box: Turn off Main Breaker (usually larger and at the top)

Fuse Box: Turn off Main Fuse Switch (usually at the top)

Step 3: Phone Electric Company and inform them of power outage.

Gas Shutoff: The center diagram shows a **Gas Meter** shutoff.

Step 1: Use a wrench or Vise-Grip pliers to turn off the shut-off valve on the pipe that comes out of the ground and goes into your Gas Meter, It should take about 1/4 turn to shut this valve off.

Step 2: Look behind all your gas appliances. There should be a valve within 4 feet of each one. Shut these valves off.

Step 3: Phone Gas Company and inform them of gas outage.

Step 4: Do not turn your gas on again. All pilot lights must be re-lit, or there will be gas leaking in your home. Phone the Gas Company for assistance.

Water Shutoff: The right diagram shows a **Water** shutoff.

Step 1: Shut off water at the water main, usually near your water meter. You can use channel-lock or Vise-Grip pliers for this.

Step 2: Phone Water Company and inform them of water outage.

Show responsible family members how & when to shut off utilities!