# HOMEOWNERS GUIDE TO WATER METERS & VALVES



#### **Water Meter**

The City of Burnsville owns the water meter in your home. If it is not functioning properly, the City will replace it at no charge to you unless the meter is damaged because of negligence. City of Burnsville employees are not licensed plumbers. Only the property owner or a licensed plumber is allowed to perform any type of maintenance or repair on the plumbing system.

\*State Plumbing Code Statute 326B



### **Meter Horn**

The meter horn holds the water meter in place and is part of your plumbing system. It may begin to leak due to age or plumbing work that has been done in the area of the water meter. Tightening the coupler at the top and bottom of the meter horn will usually fix the leak. If not, the gaskets or the meter horn may need to be replaced.



## Water Shut-Off Valves

Over time, shut-off valves tend to leak and may seize open or closed and require replacement. There are two shutoff valves — one before the meter and one after the meter. Please contact the City to schedule an appointment if the valve before the water meter needs replacement. We will shut the water off at the remote shut off in your yard.

# **Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV)**

A Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV) regulates water pressure and protects your plumbing from excessive pressure and spikes coming from the City's water main. The recommended water pressure setting is between 50 and 70 psi.

PRVs are required by the City of Burnsville. Repairing or replacing PRVs, meter horns and water shut-off valves are the homeowner's responsibility and is required by the City of Burnsville.

There are many makes and models of PRVs. The three most common in Burnsville are shown below.



Watts N55B



Watts 25 AUB



Wilkins Model 70

#### **General Information**

Call the City of Burnsville Maintenance Facility if you are experiencing a water emergency, or to schedule a water turn-on or turn-off appointment at 952-895-4550. Non-emergency services require a 24-hour notice.

The Maintenance Facility is open from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.

In case of an after hours emergency call 9-1-1

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