

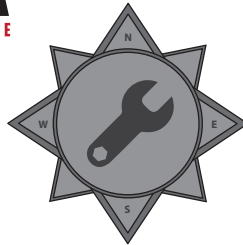
# TURN WATER OFF AT THE MAIN

Flood! Flood! Flood! You hear the cry and think, What's going on? Then you see it, the kitchen is flooding, the basement is filling, a burst pipe! What are you going to do?

"Call a plumber!" I hear you cry. But it may take an hour or more for someone to get there. Imagine the damage that could happen by then.

Then there's nothing else but shut the water off at the main shutoff outside ... but where is it?

## FLIP OVER FOR YOUR NEXT CHALLENGE



### EARN THIS NUGGET

- Locate the water shutoff valve outside.
- Familiarize yourself with the method required to turn off the valve.

LEVEL 3

PERIOD 6

TASK 4

So glad you asked. Let's explore this.

1. Locate the water shutoff valve. Technically before shutting this off you should contact the water company. I probably won't rummage through the phone book to contact the water company while my house fills with water.

2. Open the cover for the shutoff valve. Inside this cover may be a little nasty. It is outside after all. Creepy crawlies often like them, but that's where you will find a shutoff valve.

3. Some will have a lever or wheel on them; some are designed to be shut off with a tool. You may have to find a wrench to use.

4. With the water main turned off, you can now return to your house and check that the water is turned off. Warning! A flood can carry electrical current, be very cautious.

It's a good idea to learn where that water shutoff valve is before you need to use it.

