



# CITY OF BISHOP

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## **Public Works News Release**

### **Replace Your Water Valve For Free**

The City of Bishop can replace an important water valve for its water customers and will do it for free. Each property on the city water system should have an easy-to-find and working service valve for use when work is needed on plumbing.

Frequently, the City of Bishop gets urgent calls from customers that have a water leak or some other emergency and need to turn off their water to make a repair but can't find the service valve or the service valve doesn't work. Hard-to-find and broken valves can be very frustrating when they need to be shut off in a hurry.

Service valves should be inside of boxes but many aren't. The valve box is usually a round concrete cylinder with just the top sticking out of the ground with a concrete lid about 9 inches in diameter marked "water". Service valves are usually located on street right of way in front of a property. Valves that don't have boxes are frequently buried or hidden in landscaping.

The city has a long-standing program of installing valve boxes for no charge when requested by the customer. When the box is installed, the valve itself is also inspected and replaced if needed, also at no cost to the customer. The idea of this approach is to reduce the need to respond to emergencies.

This is a good time to request a valve box if you don't have one or can't find it. To request a new valve box, a City of Bishop water customer should come into City Hall at 377 West Line Street (enter off of Church Street) and fill out a water valve box request form available from Public Works. The work is usually done within the week.

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