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Public Works News Release

Bishop Installing Valve Boxes

The City of Bishop is installing boxes to make it easier for residents to access their water service valves. New boxes will be installed at about 50 properties around the city in the next few weeks or months.

Frequently, the City of Bishop gets 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. 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. Hard-to-find valves can be very frustrating when they need to be shut off in a hurry. The valve box is usually a round concrete cylinder with a concrete lid about 9 inches in diameter marked "water".

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. Over the next few weeks or months the city will be installing valve boxes and replacing valves where the city is aware they are needed. The idea of this approach is to reduce the need to respond to emergencies and to reduce our inventory of valve boxes.

This is a good time to request a valve box if you don't have one. 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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