

# New home primer, Part 1

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Find a spot near the meter where you can leave the wrench, (maybe on a hook on the wall), so it is there when you need it.

The gas main valve can be very difficult to turn off, not something you want to find out in an emergency. I strongly advise practicing shutting it off before there is an emergency. If you turn it off and back on quickly there will be no problem. If you can't turn it off, call PG&E. They provide a free safety check service to residences. If it remains off for too long, you may need to relight the pilot light on your water heater.

What about water heaters and electrical panels you ask? Watch for Part 2 of the New Home Primer in an upcoming edition of Lamorinda Weekly.

Jim Hurley is an independent handyman with over 25 years of experience in residential repairs. Hopefully this free advice is helpful to someone attempting Do-It-Yourself home repairs. The information presented is intended for informational purposes and for use by persons having appropriate technical skill, at their own discretion and risk.



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