

# Utilities

## Before

- Locate main utilities shutoffs such as:
  - Gas: usually connected to the pipe that runs from the ground to your gas meter
  - Electric: main panel usually located on the side of the building
  - Water: usually located near the front of the building facing the street
- Label valves, as appropriate, for easy identification
- Take photos of utility shut offs & place in this plan
- Become familiar with the proper ways to shut off each utility
- Gather important contact numbers for utilities service (**Contacts**)
- Keep appropriate tools for shutting off utilities in a readily accessible place

## During

- Assess for damage to structure and utilities
- If you hear any hissing or smell gas evacuate immediately then secure utilities only if safe to do so (**Evacuation**)
- If any electrical issues are found locate main power panel
  - Turn off all smaller breaker before turning off the main breaker
- If any major water leaks or breaks are found turn off the water

## After

- Always contact a licensed professional to turn all utilities back on
- Never turn the gas back on without contacting the local gas company first

***Safety first: plan ahead and follow proper utility shut off procedures***