

## Turning Your Outside Water ON/OFF



Start by checking the condition of the brass bleeder valve near the inside water shutoff valve. This is usually located in the front hall or interior utility closet. Replace (if your water system is equipped with one) the brass bleeder valve cap . Make sure the small, rubber gasket is seated correctly inside the brass cap. If this is missing or has deteriorated, a replacement cap is available at hardware and home improvement stores. Take the old cap with you for correct sizing. Once this cap is tightly replaced with the rubber gasket seated correctly, turn on (counter clock-wise) the inside water valve. If the brass cap leaks, call the Association for a replacement or a hardware store.

Make sure the outside water valve is shut-off when you turn on the inside valve. Water is now available to the outside faucet. Run water from the outside faucet checking for any leaks around the inside valve, the copper water line and the outside faucet. If there is a split in the line due to winter freeze, this split is usually directly inside your home from the outside faucet. Following these procedures in the fall and spring does not guarantee that pipes will not freeze during the winter months.

These shut-off and turn-on steps lessen your risk to damage and flooding.