Why You Need to Find Your Property's Curbstop (Water Shut-Off)

Knowing where your curbstop is can prevent damage to your property in an emergency.

Do you even know what a curbstop is? Every home and business has one.

Why is your curbstop important?

It allows the town to turn off the water to your home or business in an emergency, such as:

- A water pipe breaks between the street and your home.
- A pipe or clothes washer hose springs a major leak inside your home when you are away, and someone notices.
- You try to use the master shutoff lever in your home, but it breaks.

All three circumstances have happened to homeowners in North Kingstown. Don't let them damage your home if they happen to you!

I can't find my curbstop. Why?

Especially at older homes, it may be covered by shrubbery or pavement. This homeowner's curbstop was hidden by a large shrub:

Why doesn't the town just find everyone's curbstop?

Town employees cannot come onto your property without your permission. But if you call the Water Department, they will send workers to find your curbstop. They can locate even the most hidden curbstop. It is then your responsibility to uncover it.

There's a big curbstop in the street at an intersection. What's that for?

It's not really a curbstop. It's a shutoff valve for the entire street. The town uses it if there is a water main break or if there is a water emergency at your home and your curbstop has not been found. Having to shut off the water for the entire street because of a problem at your house is not a way to be popular with your neighbors!

Don't wait till it is too late. Find your curbstop today. Call the North Kingstown Water Department.

Contact Information

To request that town workers find your curbstop, call:

Town of North Kingstown, Department of Water Supply
100 Fairway Drive
North Kingstown, RI 02852
Phone: 401-268-1521

For other important facts from your Water Department, go to:
https://www.northkingstown.org/Search?searchPhrase=water%20supply