



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**PPC ADVISES HOMEOWNERS TO SHUT OFF  
MAIN WATER VALVE WHEN VACATIONING**

**MILWAUKEE**, (June 19, 2007) – Now that school is out, vacation season is ramping up. Professional Plumbers and Contractors (PPC), an organization representing Union plumbers and plumbing contractors, is recommending to anyone planning to be away from home for three days or more to turn off the main water shut-off valve before they leave. To help residents quickly identify the main valve that feeds water into the home, PPC is offering free Main Water Valve Tags that can be easily attached and remain visible to homeowners in the event of a water emergency.

“Water emergencies can occur when there is a sudden split in a pipe, a water heater bursts, a toilet tank cracks or a washing machine hose breaks,” says Jeff Kuhn, president of PPC. “If you don’t know where the main water shut-off valve is, you can have a real mess.”

Locating the shut-off valve depends on whether a residence is hooked up to city water or well water. If the city supplies water to a home, the valve can be found just above the meter where the pipe comes into the house. Well water users need to locate where the pipe from the well comes into the house and connects to the water pressure tank. The main water shut-off valve can be found on the other side of the tank where the water flows out to other pipes in the house.

PPC recommends homeowners shut off the valve when they go away for long weekends or extended vacations because while water emergencies are unpredictable, unnecessary flooding can be prevented.

PPC also advises parents to show their family members and even babysitters where the shut-off valve is located in case of an emergency. The laminated valve tag, which attaches to the shut-off valve with a reinforced zip tie, makes it easy to find the valve even when individuals are not familiar with the house. Homeowners can request a free valve tag on the PPC website at [www.ppcplumbers.com](http://www.ppcplumbers.com).