**Policy Title:** 

Meter & Valve Boxes - Summer Connections

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## Purpose:

The main purpose of this policy is to explain the use meter and valve boxes on summer water connections. The drawing on the bottom of this page will assist you by showing what is in each valve box. Please refer to the drawing and follow the instructions below

- The larger valve box contains the water meter and is bolted shut or sealed. This box should only be accessed by Interlake or village personal. This box should not be opened or tampered with by anyone else at any time.
- The smaller box contains a shut-off valve and two garden hose drain valves. This box is for homeowners. The shutoff valve can be turned on and off, as necessary, controlling the flow of water to your home or cabin. The two garden hose valves are used when winterizing the system.
- Interlake will turn off the curb stops in the hamlets each fall and winterize the meter valve box, as well as blow out all water to the shut-off valve in the homeowner box. Once the water has been shut off and the meter box winterized homeowners can no longer operate their own curb stop in the fall. It is the homeowners' responsibility to winterize from the valve in the homeowner valve box to their cottage or house. Blow air from the garden hose valve in the homeowner valve box to your cottage to ensure all water is evacuated from your service line.
- Each spring Interlake will open all curb stops in the hamlets for those users who have a summer connection.
   The water will be turned on up to the valve in the homeowner valve box. Similar to the fall process, homeowners can no longer operate their own curb stop in the spring.

- The resort village of Cochin will winterize the summer water system in Cochin, including winterizing the meter box and the line into the homeowner box. It is the responsibility of each homeowner to winterize from the homeowner valve box to their cottage or home. Blow air from your valve box to your cottage to ensure all water is evacuated from your service line. The homeowner valve must remain closed once this process is complete.
- If any resident has a separate water supply that is used after the village summer water lines have been winterized, the water line that supplies Interlake water to your home or cottage must be disconnected so that water can never be pumped from your plumbing backwards into the valve boxes. Any frost damage that occurs in the homeowner box or the meter box, that is attributed to a back-flow of water from another water source, will be repaired and the cost billed to the home owner.
- Each spring the resort village will fill, disinfect, and flush
  the shallow distribution system in Cochin and the water
  will be turned on to the valve in the homeowner valve
  box. The homeowner can then control the water supply
  from their valve box as desired.

If you are not sure of a procedure, or if you require additional instructions, please call the Interlake office and someone will answer your questions.



## RM CONNECTIONS

- IN THE FALL THE RM WILL WINTERIZE THE DISTRIBUTION WATER-LINE UP TO THE SHUT OFF VALVE.
- IN THE SPRING - THE RM WILL TURN ON THE DISTRIBUTION WATER LINE UP TO THE SHUT DFF VALVE.

## VILLAGE CONNECTIONS

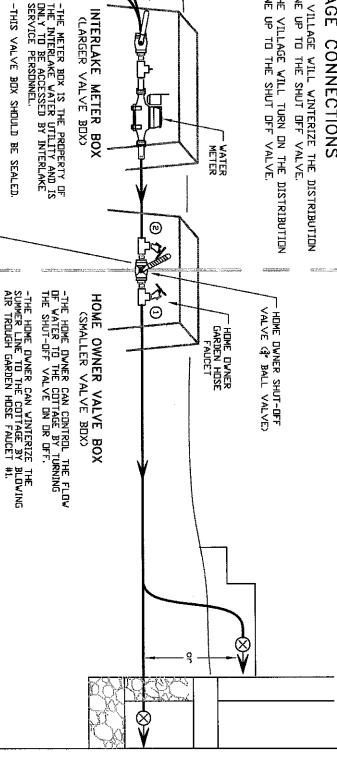
IN THE FALL - THE VILLAGE WILL WINTERIZE THE DISTRIBUTION WATER-LINE UP TO THE SHUT OFF VALVE.

IN THE SPRING - THE VILLAGE WILL TURN ON THE DISTRIBUTION WATER LINE UP TO THE SHUT OFF VALVE.

## HOME OWNER

- IN THE FALL THE HOME OWNER WILL WINTERIZE THE WATER LINE FROM THE SHUT OFF VALVE TO THE COTTAGE.
- THE SPRING THE HOME OWNER WILL TURN ON THE WATER SUPPLY FROM THE SHUT OFF VALVE TO THE COTTAGE.

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SHALLOW DISTRIBUTION WATERLINE

-THIS VALVE BOX SHOULD BE SEALED

DEEP BURY
DISTRIBUTION
VATERLINE

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SHUT-OFF VALVE OPERATION DETAIL

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-THE HOME DWNER CAN ACCESS WATER THROUGH GARDEN HOSE FAUCET #2, WITHOUT TURNING ON THE MAIN WATER SUPPLY TO THE COTTAGE.