Locate the main water service pipe to the building (probably in the front near ground level). You will see a “gate” valve on the pipe. If you know you have leaks after an earthquake, you can shut off all water in the building with this valve. You may wish to paint the valve red so it is easy to find in an emergency.

You can shut off all water to the property by finding the water meter box (usually at the street or sidewalk). Open the cover with a long screwdriver or specialty tool. If this box is inaccessible or you cannot find it, check with Maintenance and Operations. Be sure to identify this box and the water valve inside before the need to use them arises.

Inside the water meter box you will see a valve that is similar to the valve on the gas meter. Turn it just the same as the gas valve.