

Water Line Replacement!

Sometime in 2010 we remember seeing the front yard of a house in our community “all dug-up”. Our immediate thought was, it seemed like the water main had gone bad and required replacement.



[Http://www.dom.com/products/home-repair-programs/water-line-replacement/water-line-replacement.jsp](http://www.dom.com/products/home-repair-programs/water-line-replacement/water-line-replacement.jsp)

We did not pay much attention to the matter until a few weeks ago when we heard about Dominion Power's Water Line Replacement Program. We went online to learn the features of the program and were immediately sold on the concept. Nothing lasts forever and a failure [leak] of this very important part of the mechanical systems of your home NEVER happens at an opportune time. The small monthly fee is more than worth it in knowing that this malfunction will be promptly repaired. The cost* covered under the program offered by Dominion Power. We signed up immediately.

*Repair or replacement of the water line connection from the street to your home is the responsibility of the homeowner and NOT any utility company.

Component Replacements Not Covered

by the Dominion Power Program. There are additional components of your home's water system that are not covered under the program above. Probably the second most important component is the Pressure Regulating Valve. It is located immediately upstream (after) the main shut-off valve.

This device reduces the water pressure at the street to the consumer use pressure inside your home. This device is mechanical in nature and can fail. Our's did about four years ago we found out upon returning home from a weekend vacation. Fortunately the failure was not catastrophic, but ¼ inch of water on the family/rec room level is not pleasant*. The townhomes in our community are over twenty years old. A preventive maintenance replacement of this valve would be a good idea. Contact your local plumber for a price quote on the replacement of this important component if your home still has the original unit.



Pressure Regulating Valve (PRV)

*Even turning off the water at the main valve doesn't always work because in most installations the shut-off valve is placed AFTER (downstream) of the pressure regulating valve so the PRV is ALWAYS under pressure.