

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Curb Valves

Q1. Are curb valves required on all services?

- A1. Curb valves are required on all water service pipes. Curb valves are required to be installed during the following permitted work:
- Relays
 - Tap Connections
 - Tap & Plugs
 - Wet Connections
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Q2. Are inspections required for curb valves?

- A2. Inspections are mandatory for the following categories of work:
- (1) Corporation stops (taps/wet connections) and service connections supplying water to the fire suppression systems: sprinkler and/or standpipe and fire hydrants (private).
 - (2) Corporation stops (taps/wet connections) and service connections supplying combined water systems or domestic water systems to which fire systems are connected.
 - (3) Water service terminations (plug only).
 - (4) Destruction of any tap or wet connection which requires an excavation separate from the one required for the new tap or wet connection.
 - (5) Installed new wet connections and corresponding service connections.
 - (6) Relay or repair of sprinkler, fire, standpipe and domestic service connections to which fire sprinkler heads are connected.
 - (7) Relay domestic services (larger than 2")

Q3. When will curb valve installations be enforced?

- A3. **The new rule went into effect August 25, 2021.**
Rule will be enforced August 1, 2022.

Q4. How should curb valves be located and set?

- A4. Curb valves must be set in the service connection in the sidewalk area and must be located eighteen (18) inches from the curb line or other such locations as may be approved by the Department. All curb valves shall be provided with a tar coated iron extension box with cover which is flush with the sidewalk. See Figure 1 on Page 2.

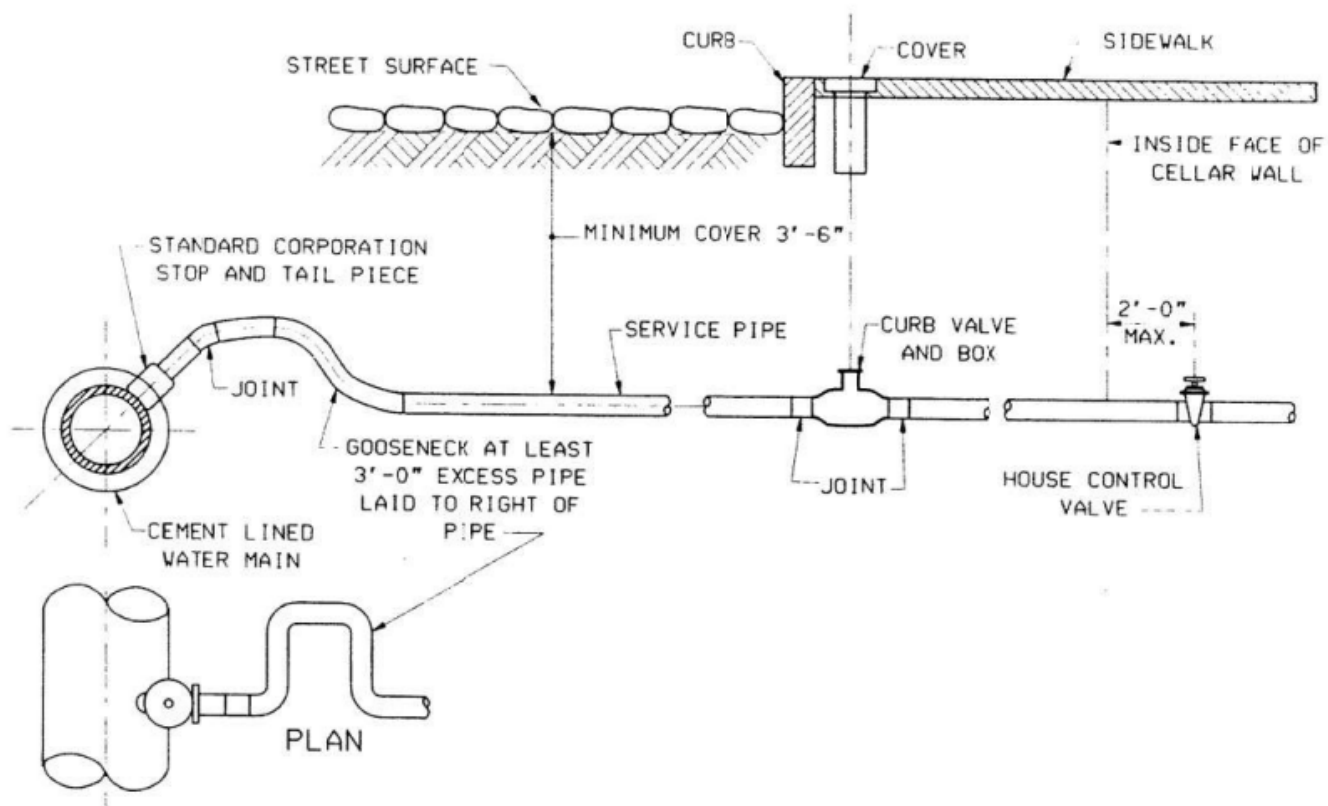
Q5. Is there a specific type of valve or sizing required?

- A5. Curb valves must be full port ball valves or non-rising stem gate valves designed for a minimum of 150 psi of working pressure. Each curb valve larger than two (2) inches in diameter shall be equipped with an operating nut at least one and one quarter (1 ¼) inch square. Curb valves two (2) inches and smaller in diameter may be full port ball valves equipped with a quarter turn shutoff nut.

Q6. What if there is an obstruction where the curb valve needs to be? (i.e. trees, fire hydrants, etc.)

- A6. LMP may request for an inspection from the Permitting Scheduling Unit at wsinspections@dep.nyc.gov or 718-595-5247. If verified, the curb valve may be installed within 2' of the property line.

Figure 1



HOUSE SERVICE PIPE CONNECTION