



## About Your Fire Sprinklers

Congratulations on your new home. You purchased a home equipped with automatic fire sprinklers. Hopefully you will never need them, but if you do, they will save your life and property. The State of California requires automatic fire sprinklers in all newly constructed homes. The reason is simple: fire sprinklers save lives. In California an average of 60 people die in 1 or 2 family dwelling fires annually. Along with smoke alarms, fire sprinklers will significantly reduce your risk of dying in a fire.

This letter intends to direct you to important information about your fire sprinkler system. Please take some time to go online and watch the videos. There is important information about how your fire sprinklers operate, and what you need to know about maintaining the system.

There are different types of sprinkler systems. Some have a single connection to the water main coming into your home. This will typically split from the water main coming into the house with a riser most likely located in the garage or basement. The water supply for these types of systems could also be fed from your well water (if you use a well and pump) or from a tank, which might also be located in your garage or basement.

The other common type of system is fully integrated into your domestic plumbing system. This type of system does not use a riser, but instead has many connections in the walls of your house to your plumbing system. As such, it may not have a separate shut-off valve from the rest of your plumbing system. The main water shut-off valve to your domestic water will also shut off the fire sprinklers.



Typical Riser Installation

For more information about your automatic fire sprinkler system visit:

California Fire Sprinkler Coalition website at [www.firesprinklerinitiative.org/California](http://www.firesprinklerinitiative.org/California)

Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition website at [www.homefiresprinkler.org](http://www.homefiresprinkler.org)

California State Fire Marshal website at [www.osfm.fire.ca.gov](http://www.osfm.fire.ca.gov)