



# City of Malibu

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## Seismic Gas Shut-Off Valve Requirements

Malibu Municipal Code Section 15.04.060 requires seismic gas shut-off valves be installed on designated buildings within the City. Seismic gas shut-off valves are designed to automatically shut off the supply of natural gas to a building to prevent a fire or explosion due to the accumulation of gas in the building in the event of a major earthquake.

The provisions apply to:

- All new buildings or structures with fuel gas piping for which the application for a building permit for construction was first submitted to Building Safety on or after January 1, 2011.
- All existing buildings or structures with fuel gas piping for which an application for alteration or addition is submitted to Building Safety on or after January 1, 2011, when such addition or alteration is valued at more than \$10,000.
- All existing buildings or structures with fuel gas piping which an agreement (on or after January 1, 2011) for sale or exchange was first entered into.

Provisions in the code allow for the installation of a valve to an individual unit or tenant space in a condominium or commercial building when that unit is served by separate gas meters for buildings that are altered, added to, or sold.

The required Seismic Gas Shut-Off Valve shall be installed on the customer side of the gas service meter by:

- The owner of a single-family residence
- A licensed Plumbing Contractor

A plumbing permit from Building Safety is required for the installation. All fees for the required permit will be waived. An inspection by the City of the device once installed is required to verify the installation is in conformance with the listing of the device. One inspection attempt is allowed. Failed inspections or access lockout constitutes an inspection. Additional inspections will require an additional inspection fee without exception.

Should you have any questions regarding the requirements for Seismic Gas Shut-Off Valves, please contact Building Safety at [mbuilding@malibucity.org](mailto:mbuilding@malibucity.org) or call (310)456-2489 ext. 390.

For questions regarding the requirements, contact the Community Development Department, Building Safety Division at [Mbuilding@malibucity.org](mailto:Mbuilding@malibucity.org) or 310-456-2489 ext. 390. To request an inspection of the installed valve once a valid permit has been issued, visit [MalibuCity.org/inspections](http://MalibuCity.org/inspections).