

Angle Stops: Replacement & Repair

Small Valves, Big Protection — Control Your Water Flow with Confidence

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN OUR TECHNICIAN ARRIVES

When you schedule an **angle stop service** with Bayshore Plumbers, here's what you can expect during your appointment:

1. **Initial Assessment**
 - We'll check for **leaks, corrosion, stiffness, or non-functional shutoff** valves at your fixtures (under sinks, behind toilets, etc.).
 - We'll verify water pressure and inspect for signs of age or mineral buildup.
2. **Shut Off & Prep**
 - We safely shut off the main water supply and **protect surrounding areas** with drop cloths or splash guards.
3. **Angle Stop Service**
 - Whether it's a repair or a full replacement, we'll remove the faulty valve and install a **new, code-compliant angle stop** — compression, push-to-connect (SharkBite®), or sweat-soldered, depending on your setup.
4. **Testing for Leaks & Functionality**
 - After installation, we test the new valve under pressure to ensure **no leaks and smooth shutoff action**.
5. **Recommendations**
 - If multiple angle stops are aging or outdated, we may suggest replacing others proactively — especially before a remodel or appliance install.

Time Estimate:

- Single angle stop replacement: ~30–45 minutes
- Whole-home stop replacement: ~2–3 hours

WHAT IS THIS FIXTURE FOR? WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

An **angle stop** is a **small shut-off valve** typically located under sinks and toilets. It lets you **quickly isolate water flow** to one fixture without shutting off water to the entire house.

Why It Matters:

- Prevents **floods** during fixture leaks or repairs.
- Lets you **safely replace a faucet or toilet** without shutting down your whole home.
- Helps avoid **emergency plumbing calls** during minor fixture malfunctions.

Think of it as the “emergency brake” for your kitchen and bathroom plumbing.






Older angle stops can corrode, freeze in place, or leak — leading to water damage, rust stains, and costly repairs if left unchecked.

REPAIR OR REPLACE? YOUR OPTIONS

Depending on the valve’s age, condition, and installation method, our technician may offer:

- **Spot Repair** – Tighten fittings, clean stems, or replace washers.
- **Partial Replacement** – Swap out a few bad valves in high-risk areas.
- **Full Replacement** – Replace all angle stops for a whole-home refresh.
- **Upgrade Options** – Install **quarter-turn valves** for easy shutoff and long life.

COMPARE YOUR OPTIONS

Option	 Pros	 Cons	 Budget	 Ideal When...	 Time
Spot Repair	Quick, inexpensive fix for minor issues	Temporary; old valves may still fail soon	\$	Valve leaks slightly or is loose	15–30 mins
Partial Replacement	Solves problem areas, keeps cost low	Some old valves may still be at risk	\$\$	A few angle stops are leaking or stuck	1–2 hours
Full Replacement	Consistent, reliable shutoffs; full upgrade	Higher upfront cost	\$\$\$	Renovation prep, preventive care, aging home	2–3 hours
Quarter-Turn Upgrade	Easy to use, long-lasting, modern design	Slightly more expensive than basic models	\$\$\$+	Homes with seniors, frequent shutoff needs	2–3 hours


HOMEOWNER TIPS & TRICKS

- **Exercise Your Angle Stops Twice a Year**
Turn them off and on to prevent them from seizing up. Stuck valves can lead to leaks or flooding.
- **Check for Corrosion or Drips**
Use a flashlight to inspect under sinks and behind toilets. Any greenish buildup, water stains, or crusty fittings = time to call us.
- **Don't Over-Tighten!**
Hand-tighten valves when using them. Overtightening can damage the stem or seals.
- **Upgrade to Quarter-Turn Valves**
These newer models are smoother and more reliable — especially important in emergency shutoff situations.

TRUST BAYSHORE PLUMBERS

Bayshore Plumbers has proudly served the San Francisco Bay Area since 2007. As a **licensed, insured, family- and veteran-owned** plumbing company, we bring honesty, professionalism, and precision to every home visit.

Angle stop issues are small — until they're not. Let us help you stay ahead with reliable, high-quality service that protects your home and your peace of mind.

 **Book your angle stop service today** — and take control of your water, one valve at a time.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ's):

1. What is an angle stop, and why is it important?

An angle stop is a small shut-off valve under your sinks and toilets that lets you stop water flow to a single fixture without shutting off water to your whole house. It's your first line of defense during leaks or repairs — helping prevent water damage and expensive emergencies.

2. How do I know if my angle stop needs to be replaced?

If the valve is hard to turn, leaking, corroded, or hasn't been used in years, it's time to have it checked. Older angle stops often seize up or fail when you need them most, so a quick inspection now can save big headaches later.

3. Can I just repair my angle stop, or do I need to replace it?

In some cases, a minor repair like tightening or cleaning the valve stem can work. But if the valve is old, brittle, or stuck, a full replacement is usually safer — and gives you peace of mind with a fresh, code-compliant shutoff.

4. How long does angle stop service take?

Most single angle stop replacements take about **30–45 minutes**. If you're upgrading several or doing a full-home replacement, plan for **2–3 hours**. We work cleanly and efficiently, minimizing disruption to your home.

5. Is it worth upgrading to quarter-turn angle stops?

Absolutely — quarter-turn valves are smoother, easier to use, and far more reliable in an emergency. They're especially helpful for seniors or homes where water shutoffs might be needed quickly.

6. Should I replace all angle stops in my home at once?

If your home is older or you're planning a remodel, it's smart to replace all angle stops at once. It ensures consistent performance and avoids future surprises — especially when upgrading faucets, toilets, or appliances.