

HOW TO TURN OFF YOUR ELECTRICITY

TURNING OFF ELECTRICITY TO YOUR HOME

If you have a water leak, it's a good idea to shut off your home's electricity.

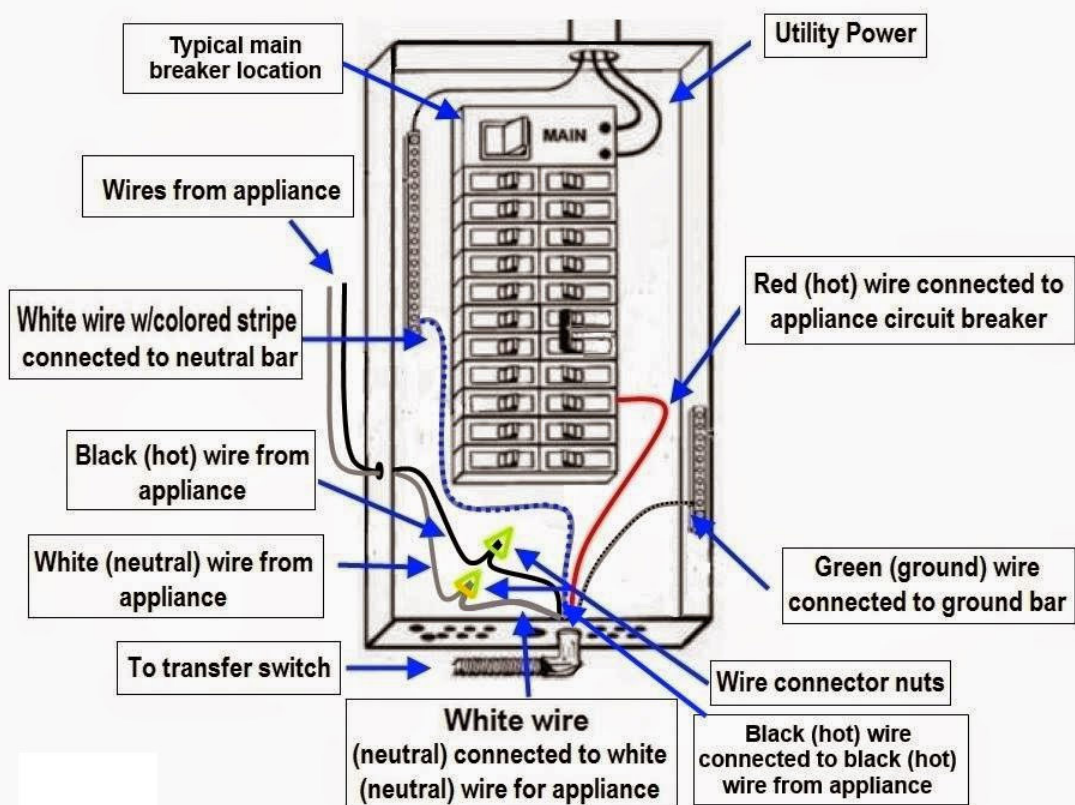
LOCATING YOUR BREAKER BOX

Before you face that emergency, locate your breaker box. It might be outside of your home, in utility closet, or the garage, if you have one. It's a metal box full of switches or fuses like the one below.



UNDERSTANDING YOUR BREAKER BOX

If your box is full of switches, they control your home's electrical circuits. Turn all of them to the "off" position, and then switch off the main switch at the top. Only flip the main switch during an emergency. If you're having a problem with electricity in a particular room or with one appliance, you can flip the switch that powers just that area.



BE CAUTIOUS

If your floor is flooded or if the electrical panel is wet, do not touch the panel. If you see exposed wires inside the box, do not touch them. In both cases, call an electric company or an electrician to handle this dangerous task.