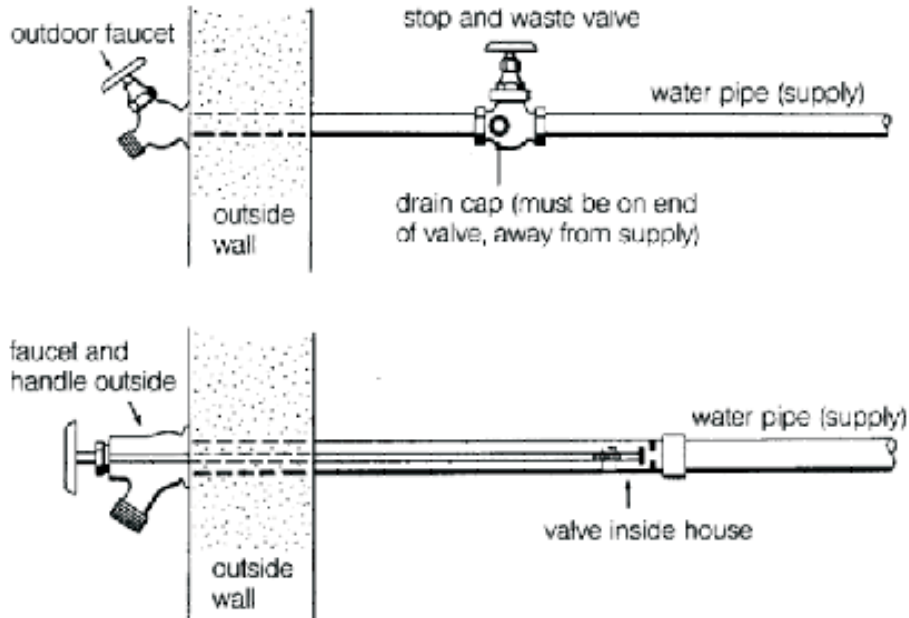




Hose Faucets



Common problems found with exterior hose faucets are dripping, loose or missing handles, or the fixture is not properly fastened to the house. Most hose faucets are turned off for the winter months from the inside stop valve located in the basement. Some of the newer hose faucets are frost proof or anti-siphon type valves and do not have to be shut-off from the inside during the winter months. An inspector should not test hose faucets during winter months...freezing conditions may prevent the water valve from closing tightly once it is opened. When hose faucets are loose from the house you may risk damage to the water line when pulling on the water hose. Water continually dripping from a hose faucet can cause wet basement walls. Most hose faucet defects noted in a home inspection report are not costly to repair, but are still considered necessary.



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