The A.Y. McDonald Flare Thread McGrip Series compression system is a simple convenient method of connection for tube size service materials (copper or plastic).

The simple steps listed below will make your job easier and assure fast, safe, and watertight connections:

1. Service tubing should always be "snaked" in the ditch.
2. Use a tube or pipe cutter to assure a square end. Make sure pipe is round. On copper tubing, use a rounding tool, if necessary. Surface should be clean and free of nicks.
3. Insert stiffeners must be used on all plastic tube except rigid PVC.
4. Stab tube or pipe through the nut and into the socket of the valve or fitting until it bottoms out (Some fittings may or may not have a stop).
5. Tighten the Flare Thread McGrip Series nut to the following minimum torques. Over torquing by 5-10 ft-lbs will not affect connection.
   - 1-1/2" size 125 ft-lbs
   - 2" size 150 ft-lbs
6. PRESSURE TEST FOR LEAKS BEFORE BACKFILLING
7. Use only on cold water services.
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CAUTIONS:
1. Protect threads. Avoid loose fitting wrenches. Do not drop or impact.
2. Use extra care with high water pressures (over 100 PSIG) and pipe over 1". Consult factory if desired.
3. Inspect and test all joints, valves and fittings before backfilling.
4. Backfill carefully so as to avoid damage to the service line and connections. Looping of the service lines is recommended to minimize strain.
5. DO NOT use Vaseline®, plumber’s grease, or any other petroleum based product on seals or o-rings.

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