Trade Ally Guidelines For Meter Location Requirements

Placement:

- The meter must be above ground and positioned approximately 6 inches from the outside of the home being served.
- It should be located along the front or either side of the home.
- A meter can be placed directly under overhead power lines.
- Do not place the meter under a carport roof, an awning, or an overhang larger than a standard eave.
- Avoid placing the meter under a stairwell or staircase providing primary access to the home. Stairwells providing alternative access to the home are an exception to this requirement.

Protection and Accessibility:

- The meter location must be protected from potential vehicular damage; ensure the meter location is protected from potential vehicular damage, atmospheric corrosion, and other damage.
- The meter must be protected from atmospheric corrosion and other damage.
- The meter must be accessible for maintenance. Avoid placing it behind fences, large bushes, or shrubs.

Clearances (or Distance Requirements):

- A minimum of 36 inches (horizontal measure) from any part of the meter set or regulator to an electric meter.
- A minimum of 10 feet from any part of the meter set to an electric transformer.
- A minimum of 10 feet (horizontal measure) from any portion of the meter set to any mechanical equipment air intake opening (venting). Mechanical air intakes are not allowed above meter sets within the 10-foot horizontal measure.
- A minimum of 8 feet 6 inches from any portion of the meter set to the centerline of any railroad track.
- A minimum of 36 inches measured horizontally from each side of the regulator vent and 15 feet measured vertically from the vent of the service regulator to a combustion through-the-wall appliance vent terminal. This includes concentric vented appliances and non-direct combustion air intakes.
- A minimum of 36 inches measured in any direction from the vent of the service regulator to:
- The openable portion of a window (including basement windows).
- The entire portion of a framed window opening (when the window is not yet installed).
- Any source of ignition that could arc or spark during normal operation.
- · Combustion air intake.
- To facilitate proper tie-in of the meter set, house lines must be installed a minimum of 2 to 4 inches out from finished siding.

Contact Information:

- For questions about meter location placement for new construction, please call 1-800-927-6123 or (503) 220-2360.
- For conversion inquiries, please call the Dealer Hotline at (503) 220-2575 or (800) 422-4012 ext. 2575.



