

Natural Gas Meter Clearance Requirements



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Knowing where and how your gas is delivered to your home is helpful, especially during emergencies, because you are responsible for maintaining certain portions of the service.



- It is the owner's responsibility to protect the gas meter from forces anticipated as result of accumulated or falling snow and/or ice, as well as to keep shrubbery trimmed sufficiently to permit access to the meter.
- Unitil will install guard posts to protect the meter set assembly from vehicular damage, including lawnmowers and snow removal equipment.
- Unitil reserves the right to designate gas meter locations so they comply with our standards.

For more information on meter clearance requirements, including installing a porch, deck or balcony visit unitil.com/gas-meter



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When planning the location of your meter, take note of the minimum clearances required. Local codes and/or manufacturers' requirements may be more stringent.

ACCEPTABLE LOCATIONS

A meter should be installed where it is readily accessible for:

- Inspection
- Repairs
- Testing
- Changing and operation of the gas shutoff valve

UNACCEPTABLE LOCATIONS

- Under interior or exterior stairways
- In a crawl space with limited clearance
- Near building air intakes
- In an electric meter or switchboard room, unless it is placed **3 feet** from any electrical apparatus

Your gas meter must be:

A minimum of **2 feet away from**

- Water spigot
- Telecommunications / Cable box

A minimum of **18 inches away from**

- VENTING FOR:
Heating systems, dryers,
central vacuums

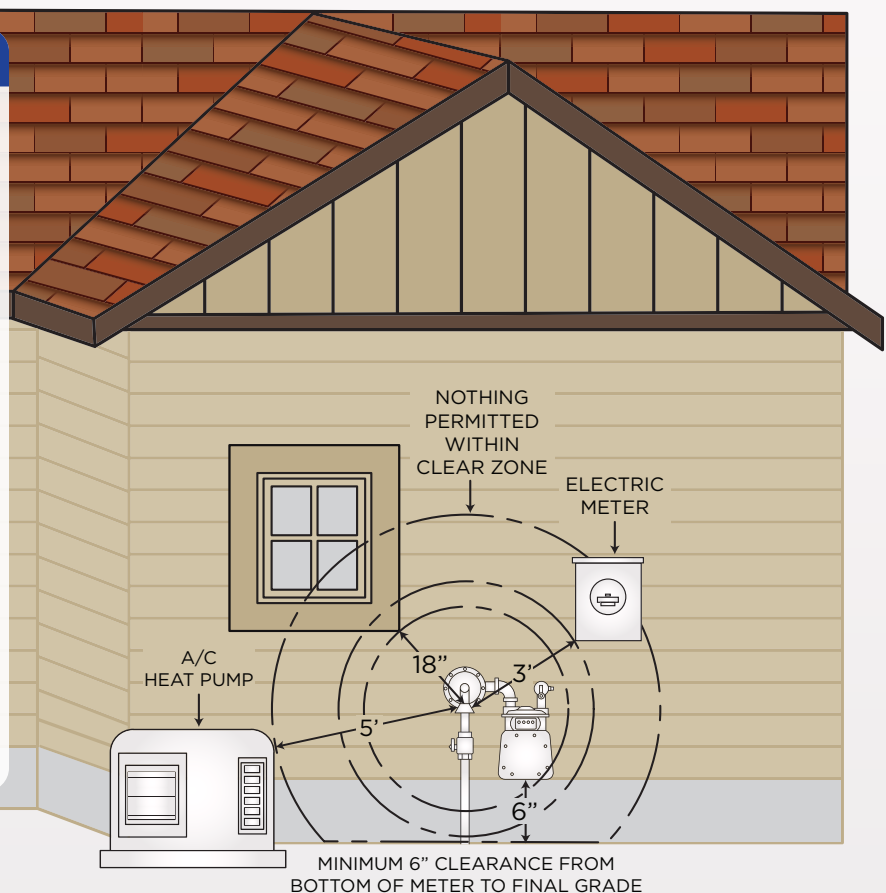
- FUNCTIONAL WINDOWS
(including basement)
- DOORS (including entrance,
garage and bulkheads)

A minimum of **3 feet away from**

- IGNITION SOURCES
Electrical outlet, electrical meter,
generator, open flame

A minimum of **5 feet away from**

- FORCED AIR INTAKES
Appliance air intake, central A/C
compressor, heat pump



The clearances in this handout also apply to features on buildings adjacent to the building where the gas meter is located.

