

# 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](https://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

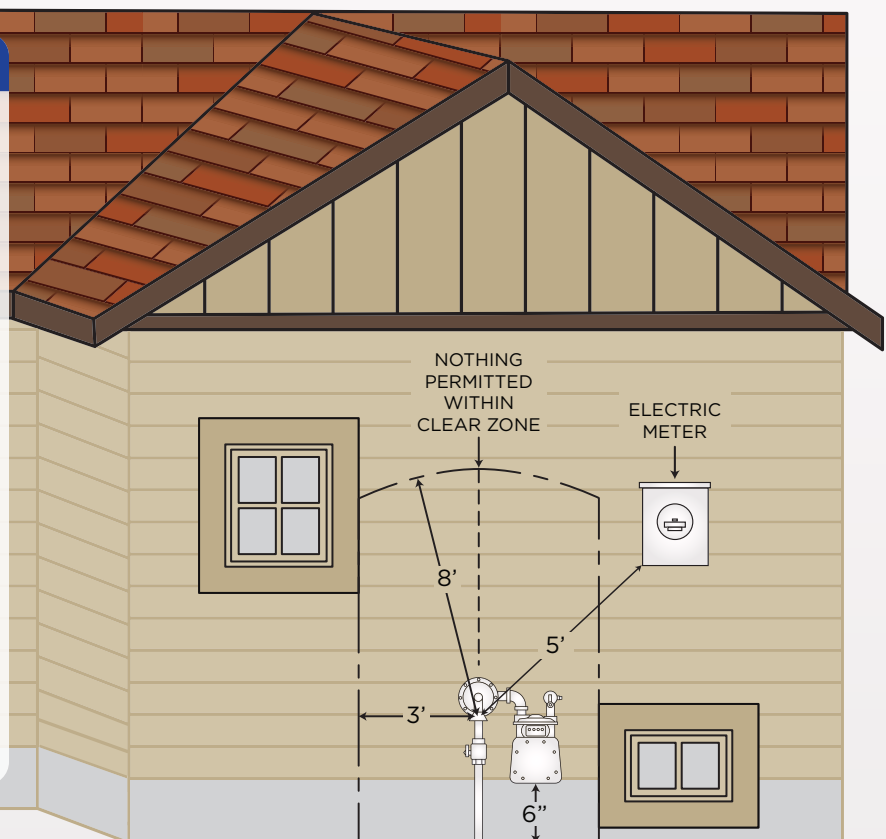
A minimum of **3 feet away from**

- VENTING FOR  
Heating systems  
Dryers  
Central vacuums
- FUNCTIONAL WINDOWS  
(including basement)
- DOORS (including entrance,  
garage and bulkheads)

A minimum of **5 feet away from**

- ELECTRICAL SOURCES  
Electrical outlet  
Electrical meter  
Central A/C compressor  
Generator  
Heat pump

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



MINIMUM 6" CLEARANCE FROM BOTTOM OF METER TO FINAL GRADE

