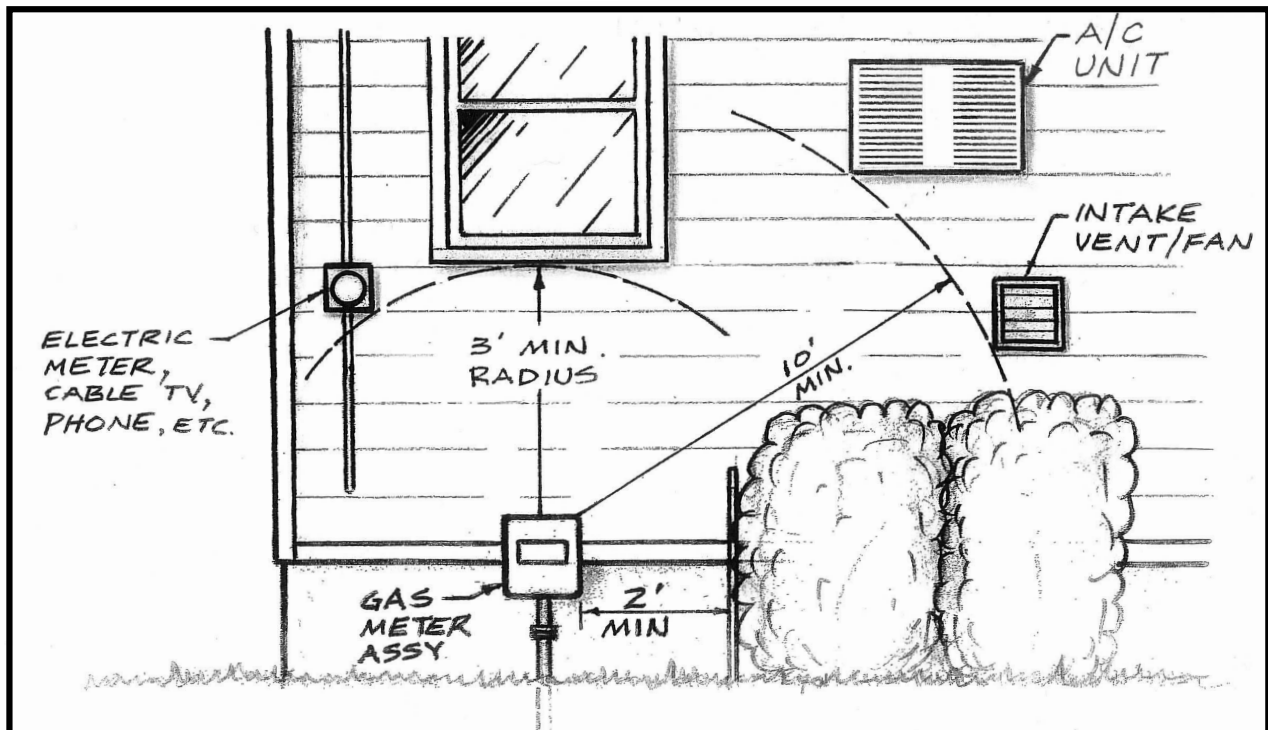




Gas Meter Location Requirements

The information contained in this handout is intended as a guide to show the proper placement of the natural gas meter. The recommended locations are based on NFPA 54 Codes & Standards and Norwich Public Utilities (NPU) approved Construction Standards. NPU reserves the right to determine the actual natural gas meter location.

- The best location for the natural gas meter is generally the right or left side of the home, or in front of the home, depending on where the service line is installed to the home.
- In some cases, NPU can accommodate requests for locating the meter in another location, providing the location is in compliance with Codes and Standards and meets the criteria listed below. **The meter location must be approved by NPU prior to the natural gas service line installation.**
- Criteria for the natural gas meter location:
 - The meter must be in a location that is easily accessible to NPU personnel and protected from possible damage.
 - The meter must be located in a 3 foot radius from any opening (window, door, etc.) and the electric meter.
 - Any landscaping (bushes, fences, etc.) and other structures that restrict access to the meter must be at least 2 feet on each side of the meter, and at least 3 feet in front of the meter.
 - Meters can be located under porches, decks, or balconies provided area is well ventilated and the meter is easily accessible to NPU personnel.
 - Gas meters cannot be located under fire escapes.
 - Meters must be a minimum of 3 feet from a source of ignition (including breakers, disconnects, meters, outlets, light switches, cable tv/phone connection boxes, or any other electrical component that may create a spark.)
 - Meters must be least 10 feet from any air intake vent or fan.
 - Meters should be 7 feet from a driveway or road. If the meter is closer than 7 feet, the meter must be protected by a barrier strong enough to withstand impact from a moving vehicle, yet must still be accessible to NPU personnel.



The measurements shown above are intended as a guide and represent minimum clearances. NPU reserves the right to approve the final meter location. If you have questions, please contact Katie at 860-823-4514.