

# Natural Gas Meter Location Guidelines

Avista is committed to the safety of our customers. It's why we have specific requirements concerning the location of your natural gas meter. This simple guide shows clearances and other important measures to prevent potential hazards and keep everyone safe.

▶ Any opening below the meter service regulator vent should be at least 1 foot away (foundation vent, window, dryer vent, etc.)

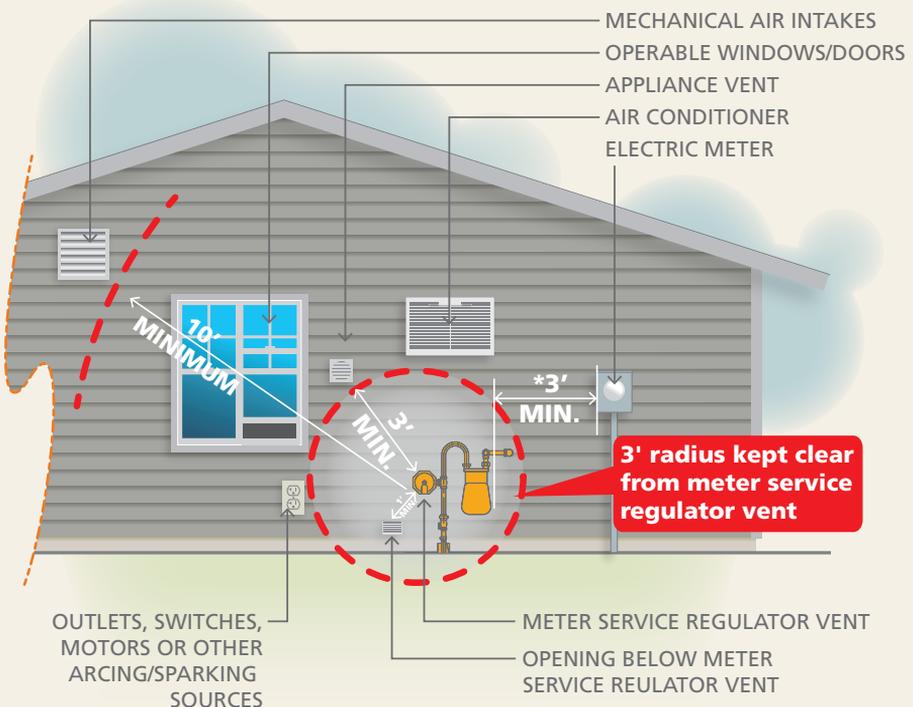
▶ Meter service regulator vent should not be within 3 feet of ignition sources, including:

- electric meter
- electric outlets
- electric switches
- air conditioner condenser
- appliance vents
- combustion air vents to fireplaces and/or heating appliances

▶ The meter service regulator vent must be at least 10 feet from mechanical air intakes.

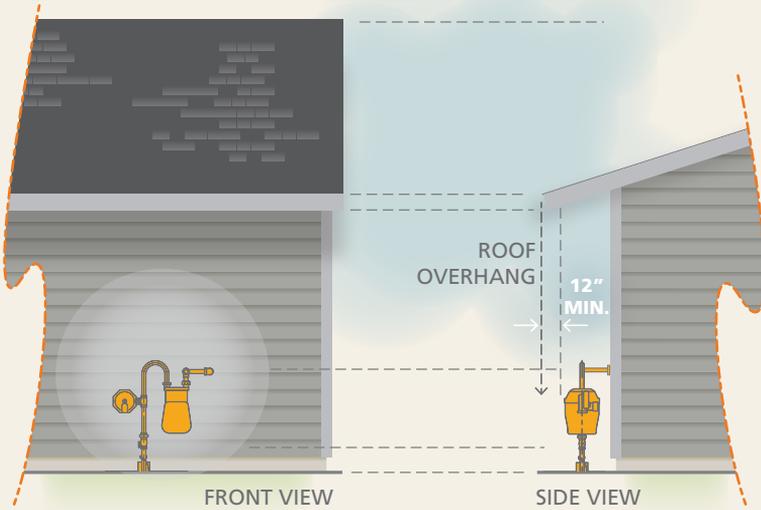
▶ Meters should not be located under any porch, deck patio or similar enclosure where regulator venting and accessibility are limited.

## Safe clearances

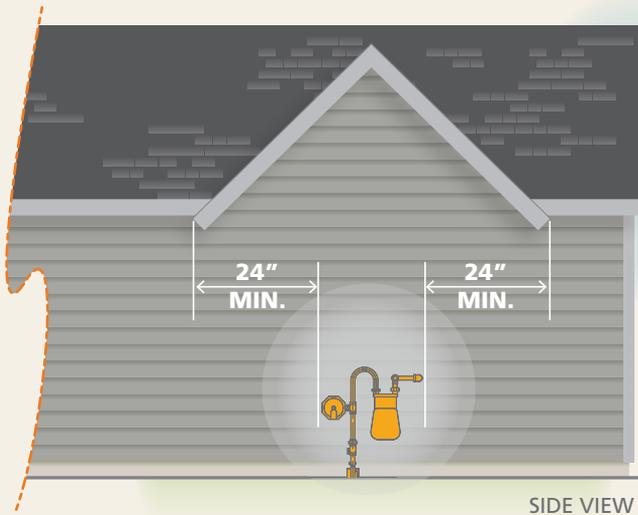


\*In Oregon, electric provider PP&L requires a 3-foot minimum horizontal distance to any part of the gas meter. In all other areas, a 3-foot radial distance from the meter service regulator vent is required.

## Gas meter sheltered below forward-sloping roof



## Gas meter sheltered below gable roof



- ▶ In areas prone to heavy snowfall (see below), protect the meter from snow and ice by locating it under a roof overhang of at least 12 inches from the dripline to the front face of the meter or on the gable end of the building. If this is not possible, a snow shed should be installed. Avista-provided snow sheds are the preferred option. The customer also may build and install their own Avista-approved snow shed (see design details at [myavista.com/safety](http://myavista.com/safety)).

PLEASE NOTE: Areas prone to heavy snowfall include the following counties: Bonner (ID), Boundary (ID), Klamath (OR), Klickitat (WA), Kootenai (ID), Lake (OR), Latah (ID), Lincoln (WA), Shoshone (ID), Spokane (WA), Stevens (WA), Union (OR) and Whitman (WA).

- ▶ Meter should be located within 3 feet of where the house line enters the building, and not typically extend more than 1 foot from the building.
- ▶ Meter should be easily accessible for readings and maintenance.
- ▶ Meter should be protected from potential damage by a vehicle. (If the location cannot provide this protection, Avista will install a protective barricade or one or more bollards.)

**Thank you for being our partner in safety.**  
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