

Working with You on Meter Placement

The bylaws and policies of Parkland Light & Water Co. state that the company's meters, both electric and water, will be placed on structures or in yards in an agreed upon and approved location so that the meter is readily accessible for inspection, reading, testing and easy removal.

Electric meters need to be in a non-enclosed location with five feet clearance in any direction to allow the safe removal by company personnel. The water meters require three feet clearance on all sides and five feet clearance above the meter.

When members are considering construction on their property, in addition to getting a building and/or electrical permit from Pierce County, they should also contact their local utilities to determine what affect, if any, the construction may have on their service. Some concerns are enclosing meters, reducing safety zones, or building structures or paved driveways over service lines. Building a garage over a service line would result in digging into a garage floor or rerouting a new service line if the existing line fails in the future. Both options are quite expensive.

If you are considering building a fence, we will still need access to our meters. We have company padlocks in the office to allow you to lock your fence yet allow our meter readers or meter technicians access.

Planting flowers or shrubs over or even near inground water meters also present problems to reading and servicing your water meter.

The temptation is to hide the meter with shrubbery to beautify the yard. Unfortunately, this does not allow the accessibility that is required for reading and servicing.

If you have questions when you are considering improving your property, please call the office (253) 531-5666 before you begin. Our personnel will be happy to work with you to make your improvement plans as easy and as cost effective as possible.