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Meter installation and turn-on

The gas meter can be installed once the customer’s fuel line has been installed and stubbed out to a PSE approved gas meter location. In addition, the fuel line must be inspected, at a minimum, in accordance with the requirements of the current edition of the International Fuel Gas Code, as required by the Washington Administrative Code (WAC), Title 51. Be aware that additional inspection requirements imposed by the local jurisdiction must also be met before the gas meter can be installed. As a result of the fuel line inspection, an approved permit must be visible from outside or a gas approval sticker must be affixed to the fuel line before the service or gas meter can be installed.

The drawing below shows the typical components for a new gas meter installation for inches water column (w.c.) delivery service. As part of PSE’s gas meter installation requirements, the following conditions shall be met (not all-encompassing):

- The riser shutoff valve will be left in the open (on) position.
- The meter will have been pressure tested to meet the state and federal rules.
- The meter outlet valve will be in the closed (off) position with the yellow CAUTION tag attached by a wire seal.

Once the gas meter is installed and the customer is ready for equipment turn-on, the customer should contact their Mechanical Contractor or Qualified Agency. The Mechanical Contractor or Qualified Agency is the only one authorized to remove the wire seal and yellow CAUTION tag from the gas meter and operate the meter outlet valve. The Mechanical Contractor or Qualified Agency will be responsible for all appliance connections, installation, testing, and equipment turn-on.

NOTE: This turn-on process does not apply to 2-pound delivery meter sets.

Typical new residential 250, 425, or 630 gas meter installation ready for equipment turn-on

![Diagram of gas meter installation](image)

CAUTION

Tag Removal Requirements

Only a Mechanical Contractor or other Qualified Agency is authorized to remove the yellow CAUTION tag, and any other removal is prohibited.

Before introducing gas into the fuel line piping, it shall be inspected in accordance with the requirements of the current edition of the International Fuel Gas Code, as required by Washington Administrative Code, Title 51.

Qualified Agency, any individual, firm, corporation, or company that either or jointly, through a representative, is engaged or is responsible for all of the following:

- Installation, replacement, or repair of gas piping
- Installation, replacement, or repair of gas appliance terminals
- Installation, replacement, or repair of gas appliances
- Installation, replacement, or repair of gas fuels
- Installation, replacement, or repair of gas connectors and orifices
- Installation, replacement, or repair of gas meters

The Mechanical Contractor or Qualified Agency is responsible for all appliance connections, installation, testing, and equipment turn-on.
Job site safety requirements

We ask that you follow these safety requirements:

- Our crew will ask you to extinguish any smoking material or open flame that presents a danger to the operation prior to a line purge.
- Noise from compressor and gas purging operations can exceed 90 dBA. Hearing protection is recommended when these operations are being performed.
- Buildings must be framed and sided at the meter location before PSE can set a gas meter. PSE will not install gas meters against foundations only.

Customer-provided trench and conduit

If you wish to provide your own trench and/or natural gas service conduit on your own property, there are specific requirements that you must follow. Contact Customer Construction Services at 1-888-321-7779 for further information.

Underground fuel line piping: customer responsibilities

PSE regularly inspects the underground natural gas pipelines in the street and to your meter to make sure they are operating properly and safely. If you have buried piping on your property to a pool, hot tub, natural gas barbecue, or detached building, that piping is not maintained by PSE, with a few exceptions.

If not maintained, buried piping may leak or corrode. It should be periodically inspected and repaired by a licensed plumbing contractor. If you plan to excavate near your buried piping, it should be located and marked by the contractor in advance and the excavation done by hand.

Improper electrical grounding

Natural gas risers, up to and including the gas meter, shall not be used as a grounding electrode. An electrical ground connection to a natural gas riser could result in a hazardous condition and can compromise PSE’s Corrosion Protection System.