



# Guidelines for Keeping Your Meter Clear

**Please keep clear access to your meter, to improve our efficiency and help you avoid unnecessary fines.**

Northshore Utility District services, maintains, tests, and repairs over 20,000 water meters.

Keeping an efficient maintenance schedule is difficult when plants or other items such as fences, rockeries, cars, or other debris cover the meter.

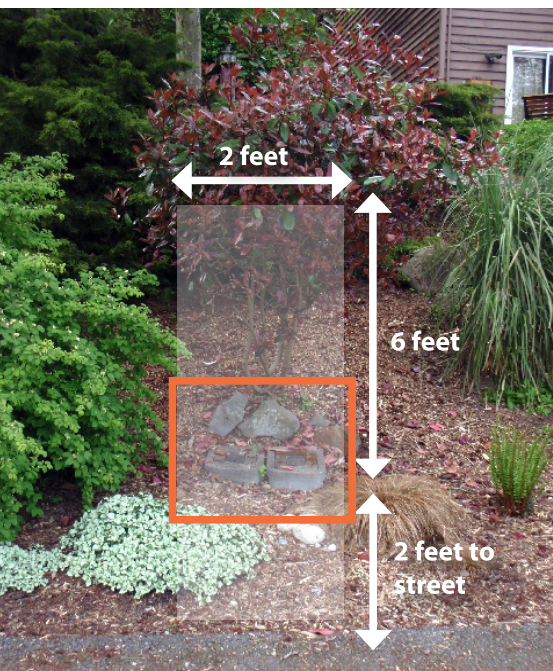
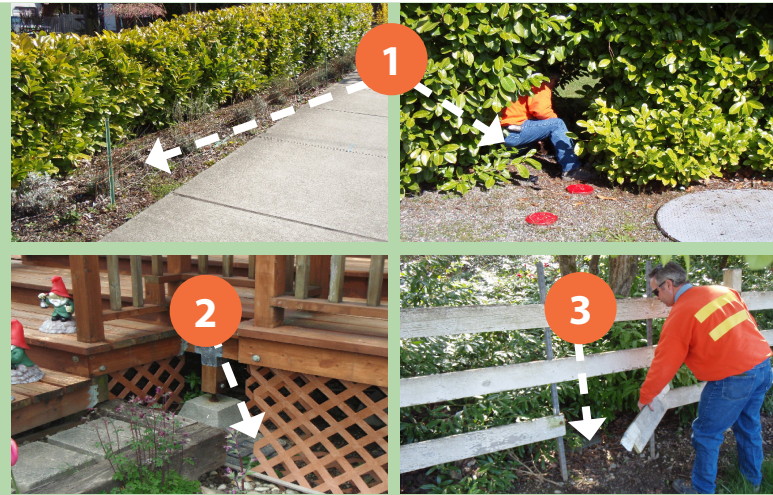
**It is extremely important to have easy access in an emergency, such as a water line break.**

The District may impose fines for customers who refuse to comply with clearance requirements. However, our goal is to educate customers so fines won't be necessary.

Below are some examples of water meters that have poor access and guidelines to help you keep the meter clear of obstruction and debris.

## EXAMPLES OF WHAT NOT TO DO:

- 1 Meters are hidden under and inside bushes
- 2 A deck was built over this meter, allowing limited access to both the meter and the water line—dangerous in an emergency!
- 3 A fence was built in front of this meter. The utility tech had no choice but to break the fence to get to the meter.



## GUIDELINES FOR CLEAR METER ACCESS:

- ▶ Please maintain a **2-foot area around all sides** of the meter box.
- ▶ Trim any tree limbs that come within **six feet above** the meter box.
- ▶ Keep a **2-foot wide pathway** from the road to the meter box.
- ▶ Keep any ground covers to **2 inches or lower** around the meter box.

## PLANNING TO BUILD A NEW FENCE OR ROCKERY?

Please contact us if you have concerns about placement, so you can avoid the expense of moving it after it's built.

## STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

Contact us at (425) 398-4403 or [dispatch@nud.net](mailto:dispatch@nud.net). We will be happy to talk with you or help you find a solution to clear your meter.