

## GUIDELINE FOR SHRUBS AROUND GAS METER

Gas meters often seem like an eyesore, so they are hidden behind shrubs, bushes or trees. However, this can prevent us from reading your gas meter or gaining access to the meter for repairs or in case of an emergency.

Before you start landscaping or digging to plant shrubs around the gas meter, please follow the steps and guidelines below to avoid cutting a line or blocking access to the gas meter. If you don't follow these guidelines, your shrubs will be cut or removed by Citizens Gas.

### STEP 1: CALL MISS DIG

Before you start, call Miss Dig at 811 at least 3 business days before you plan on digging. A qualified representative will come out and mark your gas lines. It's easy, safe and free.

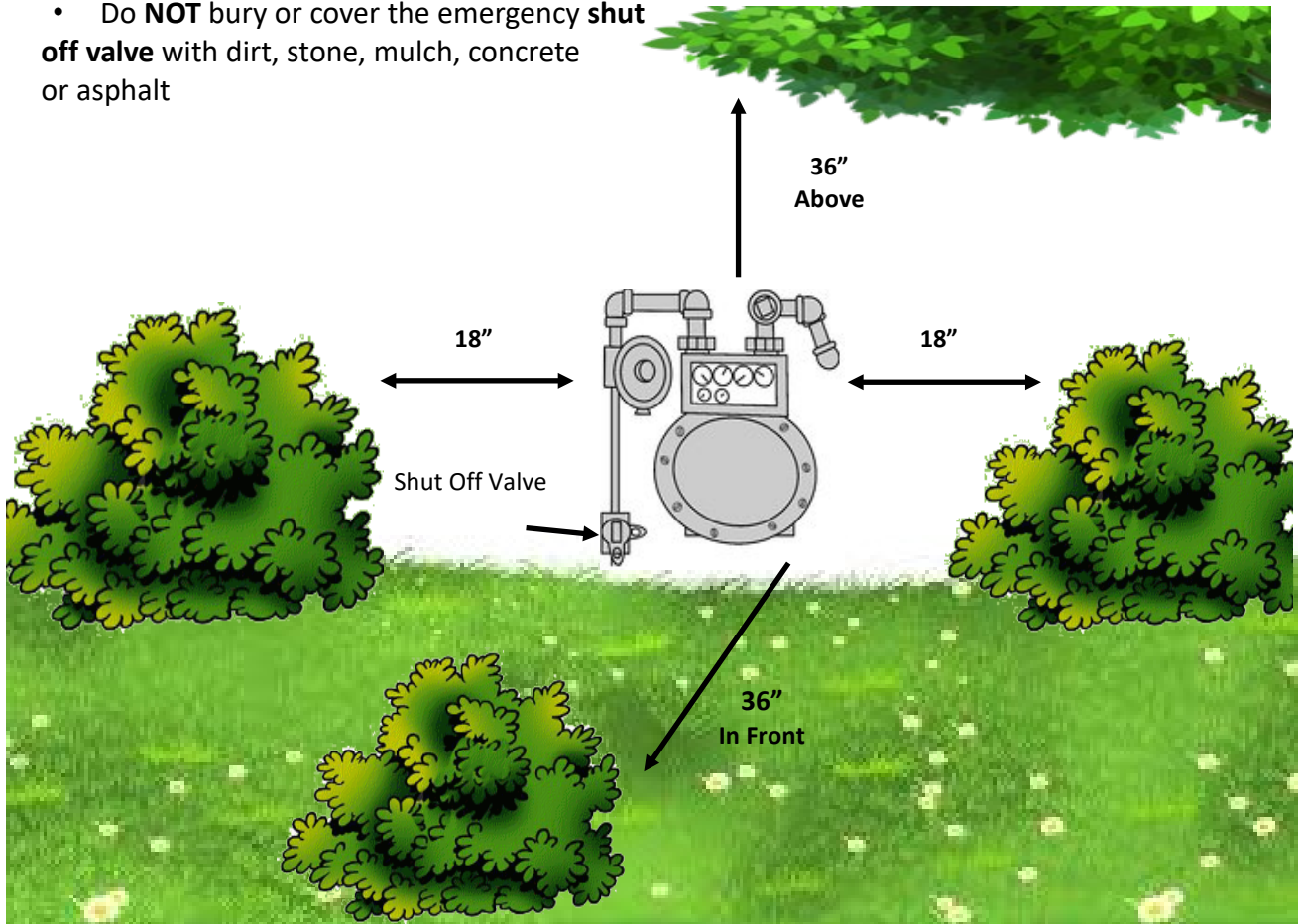


Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.

### STEP 2: PLAN AHEAD

Take into account the mature size of the shrub you are planting. If the shrubs will double in size, make sure to leave enough room for growth. Follow these specifications for clearance around the gas meter for the **mature size** of the shrub:

- 18 inches on **either side** of the gas meter or piping
- 36 inches in **front** of the gas meter
- 36 inches **above** the gas meter
- Do **NOT** bury or cover the emergency **shut off valve** with dirt, stone, mulch, concrete or asphalt



### STEP 3: MAINTENANCE / TRIMMING

Once the shrubs start growing, you'll need to trim them regularly. Trimming the shrubs will help keep the gas meter accessible for meter reading, service repairs or in case of an emergency. If the shrubs become overgrown, we will trim or remove them to make the meter accessible.

### ARE YOUR MATURE SHRUBS OVER GROWN?

Check the area around your gas meter. If your gas meter is currently inaccessible, please take the proper steps to meet the guidelines by trimming or removing the shrub. If we find that trimming or removal of a shrub is needed, a notice will be mailed out letting you know what is expected. If no action is taken on your part, the company will cut or remove the shrub.



The gas meter is hidden behind this shrub



After the shrub is removed, the meter is now accessible