

Meter Area Maintenance

The water meter for your property is located within a utility right-of-way or easement. Many homeowners choose to landscape this area and therefore need to be aware of the clearance regulations required for adequate access to the water meter.

District technicians commonly find that without advance landscape planning plants, trees or natural vegetation will over time obstruct the water meter. This includes the root systems of both small and large plantings.

Since the water meter needs to be accessible at all times, it is important to keep plants trimmed back and never place items such as vehicles, boats, garbage cans, recycle bins, firewood, brush, gravel, or landscaping bark over the water meter.

When maintenance of the meter area becomes necessary, the District will notify the property owner and give adequate time to respond to the matter. Per District Resolution 00-18, section 7.11, if the request to clear the meter area is not ad-

dressed, the District will assess a charge to the property for the cost of labor incurred to resolve the situation.

In addition, the water meter should not be enclosed by a fence or locked gate. Where this is an existing situation, District policy will be followed to resolve conflicts of meter accessibility.

Thank you. Your cooperation in this matter directly affects the wise use of District time and your money.

Some meter clearance situations are shown in the three drawings at right.

Here are the regulations set by District policy.

- ☆ Minimum 1-foot horizontal radius of clearance shall be maintained around all meter boxes and a 5-foot minimum vertical clearance.
- ☆ No vegetation shall be planted within a 3-foot radius of a meter box.
- ☆ Meter shall be accessible via a direct line of travel from existing road without encumbrance.

