

Gas Meter Backerboard Requirements



Consumers Energy requires gas meters to be mounted to a weatherproof, permanent backerboard on houses that will receive siding (see Figure 1). This document outlines the specifications and materials required for the backerboard.



CAUTION

Consumers Energy reserves the right to refuse to connect a service to an improperly installed backerboard or meter stand (pedestal).

Backerboard Requirements

- The backerboard's material must meet the requirements set forth in [Michigan Building Code, Chapter 14 Exterior Walls](#). It is also permissible to purchase a pre-made meter mounting base from a construction supplier or a home improvement retailer. The goal is to establish a secure, flat mounting surface.
- The board's color is the owner's preference.
- If you have questions about any part of this process or your responsibilities, please contact your project coordinator.

Meter Relocation

If you are remodeling your home's exterior, including updating your siding, you may need to relocate your meter. During the process of meter relocation, you will need to add a backerboard on the home at the meter's new location.

Please contact Consumers Energy at 800-477-5050 to relocate the meter and have a backerboard added to your meter configuration.

Backerboard Specifications

Consumers Energy Operations and Engineering subject matter experts developed a set of specifications for the backerboard (see next page). Use these specifications as you or your builder/contractor develop your backerboard.



Figure 1

Meter Backerboard Specifications

Rough grade is defined as within 3" of final grade.

