



Ameren Illinois Utilities

Preparing For Your New Gas Service

Establishing new gas service is an important step in your new construction project. You can help us keep your project moving forward on schedule by familiarizing yourself with our policies for new residential gas customers, as described in this booklet.

To avoid delays in your project's timeline, use the requirements outlined here as a checklist to ensure your construction site is "site ready." We can proceed with construction after your site has been accepted as "ready" according to the standards described here. If your site does not meet our readiness standards by the scheduled date, we will have to reschedule our construction crews to return at a later time. Ameren reserves the right to physically inspect a site at any time in order to confirm that it is ready.

"Site Ready" for New Services from Existing Gas Mains

- Customer has requested service be installed by a particular date.
- Customer has provided Ameren any required site drawings or plats.
- The gas main is installed and in service, in accordance with specifications outlined below.
- All required building inspections and permits are complete and available for inspection.
- All required easements and rights-of-way have been provided to Ameren.
- Lot lines, easements, and rights-of-way are clearly marked.
- Any private (non-utility-owned) underground facilities are clearly marked, including wells, cisterns, water lines, sprinkler systems, sewer lines, septic tank lines and laterals, drain lines, drainage tiles, and any other customer underground facilities.
- The lot is within +/- 6 inches of final grade along paths of pipes and wires.
- The site is accessible by utility vehicles and equipment. All potential obstructions have been cleared, including structures, construction materials, fences, vehicles, snow piles, dirt piles, and bushes and trees on the path of installation.
- All Ameren-required contracts and agreements have been signed, and all required fees and deposits have been paid to your Ameren Illinois utility.
- Any past due balances or debts to Ameren have been paid.
- Any other requirements Ameren has identified in advance are complete.
- All required gas main extensions have been completed prior to scheduling new gas service installation.

“Site Ready” for Gas Main Extensions Related to New Services

- Customer has requested extension be installed by a particular date.
- Customer has provided Ameren with any required site drawings or plats.
- All required easements and rights-of-way have been provided to Ameren.
- Lot lines, easements, and rights-of-way are clearly marked.
- Any private (non-utility-owned) underground facilities are clearly marked, including wells, cisterns, water lines, sprinkler systems, sewer lines, septic tank lines and laterals, drainage tiles or lines, or any other customer underground facilities.
- The path is within +/- 6 inches of final grade along paths of pipes and wires.
- The site is accessible by utility vehicles and equipment. All possible obstructions have been cleared, including structures, construction materials, fences, vehicles, snow piles, dirt piles, and bushes and trees on the path of installation.
- Any other requirements Ameren has identified in advance are complete.
- All main extension construction must be complete before scheduling the installation of any individual gas services.

“Site Ready” for New Residential Subdivision to be Piped

(Prior to building any homes)

- Customer has requested infrastructure be installed by a particular date.
- Customer has provided Ameren with any required site drawings or plats.
- All curbs and gutters are installed (preferred) and streets at least hard packed.
- All required easements and rights-of-way have been provided to Ameren.
- All rights-of-way, easements, and lot lines are clearly marked. Easements are provided in accordance with the specifications on the back.
- Any private (non-utility-owned) underground facilities are to be clearly marked, including wells, cisterns, water lines, sprinkler systems, sewer lines, septic tanks, tile fields, drainage tiles or lines, and any customer-installed wiring or conduits of any sort.
- All required easements and permits are complete and available for inspection.
- The utility easements are within +/- 6 inches of final grade along paths of pipes and wires.
- The site is accessible by utility vehicles and equipment. All possible obstructions have been cleared, including structures, construction materials, fences, vehicles, snow piles, dirt piles, and bushes and trees on the path of installation.
- All Ameren-required contracts and agreements have been signed, and all required fees and deposits have been paid to your Ameren Illinois utility.
- Any past due balances or debts to Ameren have been paid.
- Any other requirements Ameren has identified in advance are complete.

“Site Ready” for Service to Single New Residential Home

(Not in a pre-piped subdivision)

- Customer has requested service be installed by a particular date.
- Customer has provided Ameren with any required site drawings or plats.
- All streets and drives are graded and finished suitably for driving heavy equipment.
- All curbs and gutters are installed, or lanes and drives clearly marked.
- Lot lines, easements, and rights-of-way are clearly marked.
- Any private (non-utility-owned) underground facilities are clearly marked, including wells, cisterns, water lines, sprinkler systems, sewer lines, septic tanks, tile fields, drainage tiles or lines, and any customer-installed wiring or conduits of any sort.
- All required building inspections and permits are complete and available for inspection.
- All required easements and rights-of-way have been provided to Ameren.
- The lot is within +/- 6 inches of final grade along paths of pipes and wires, with no standing water.
- The site is accessible by utility vehicles and equipment. All possible obstructions have been cleared, including structures, construction materials, fences, vehicles, snow piles, dirt piles, and bushes and trees on the path of installation.
- All Ameren-required contracts and agreements have been signed, and all required fees and deposits have been paid to your Ameren Illinois utility.
- Any past due balances or debts to Ameren have been paid.
- Any other requirements Ameren has identified in advance are complete.

Gas Meters

- Preferred location for the gas meter is within 2-5 feet of the front corner of the house.
- Customer fuel line should enter the house as soon as practical (preferably within 3 feet of gas meter).
- Customer steel fuel line shall not be below finished grade.
- Customer shall use either 1-inch black iron pipe or corrugated stainless steel tubing (CSST), per manufacturer specifications.
- The bottom of the gas meter bracket shall be approximately 2 inches above finish grade.
- Mobile home fuel lines shall be a minimum of 1-inch iron pipe size (IPS) Schedule 40 black iron pipe and shall be properly supported per the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommendations for the pipe type and diameter.
- Gas regulator relief vent or relief valve vent must be located at least 3 feet from any electric meter, air conditioner condensing unit, electrical outlet, electrical disconnect or any other ignition source.

- Gas meter may not be installed above, below, or adjacent to, within 12 inches of any window, door, stairs, dryer vent, furnace intakes or exhaust or other potential air inlet to the house or appliances.
- Customer is responsible for installing Ameren-provided gas meter bracket in a level position prior to gas meter installation, except for slab foundation construction.
- Gas meter bracket shall be mounted to foundation with 3/8-inch bolts and expansion anchors.
- Customer fuel line may require a shut-off valve downstream of the gas meter (contact local utility).
- Customer may install natural gas-approved polyethylene (PE) fuel line from the gas meter to the point of delivery with a locating wire installed next to the pipe.
- Customer fuel line shall be pressure tested by customer per National Fuel Gas Code (NFGC) and/or any local codes.

Rights-of-Way and Easement Specifications for Gas Lines

Most of our facilities are located in rights-of-way that have been issued to us by an easement. An easement allows us the right to access the area to construct, operate, and maintain the facilities.

- **Easements should be cleared of all stumps, trees, bushes, shrubs, and overhanging limbs.**
- **No sewer lines, water lines, septic tank lines and laterals, sump pump lines or any other customer underground facilities can be located within the gas/electric easements.**
- **All deeds or easement documents are to be signed, notarized, and returned to Ameren.**

Questions? Call Us:

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