

UTILITY RIGHT-OF-WAYS



Transformer typically located in residential areas



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UTILITY RIGHT-OF-WAY REMINDERS

A Utility Right-of-Way (URW) provides protection, safety, and service. URWs are common in urban areas and are usually located adjacent to the residential property line and may contain underground powerlines, transformers, poles or allowances for overhead lines. URWs are also used by other utilities such as water, sewer, telephone, and gas.

To ensure your safety, the use of land within the URW is restricted. Changing the grade of a lot, building retaining walls, or planting trees in a URW is prohibited. In case of a power failure, electricity must be restored as quickly as possible and access to the URW be kept clear.

Also, painting or altering transformers or equipment in a URW is not allowed.

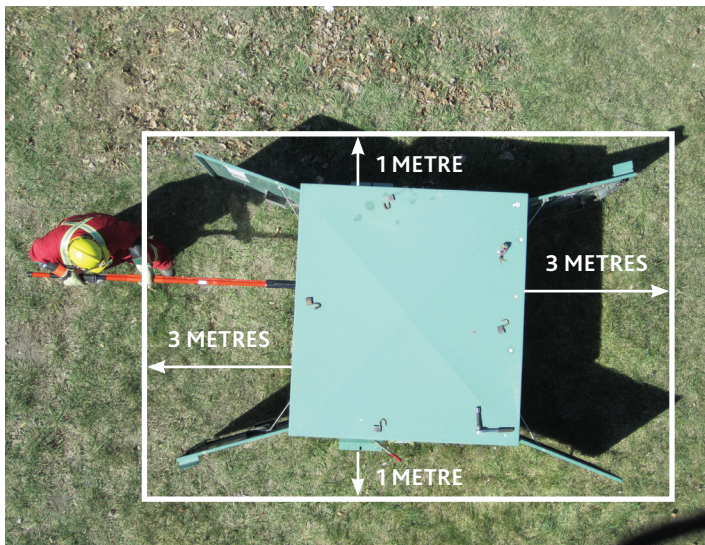
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WHY DOES ENMAX POWER REQUIRE A URW?

A URW provides protection, safety, and service. A URW provides immediate service access to electrical equipment and allows a utility to use the land within the URW in controlled ways.

CAN I USE THE URW ON MY PROPERTY?

For your safety and easy access to the equipment for utilities, do not build, change the grade of the land or plant trees within the URW.



Switch equipment used in residential/industrial/commercial areas

Similarly, transformers cannot be hidden by shrubs. Low shrubs may be planted in a URW if adequate clearances are maintained. You must leave three meters in front of the locked transformer door and one metre clear on each of the three sides. Shrubs will spread as they mature, so include allowances for growth when measuring clearances.

You may plant and maintain:

- A lawn;
- flower beds;
- vegetable gardens; and
- low shrubbery

When planting shrubs, please consider the location of underground cables.

ENMAX Power will be responsible for replacing the lawn if it is damaged during underground cable equipment maintenance. We do not replace shrubs or flowers.



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HOW DO I KNOW WHERE THE URW IS LOCATED?

Before you buy, dig or build:

- Ask your developer, real estate agent, or your lawyer about the location of any URWs.
- Examine a copy of the Certificate of Title for the property. If you do not have one, a copy can be obtained from any local registry.
- Call Alberta ONE-Call at 1-800-242-3447 to locate any underground lines.

It is your legal responsibility to know where the URW is located and to ensure utility access is available.

CAN I BUILD A FENCE ALONG THE URW?

Yes, however, please choose a style of fence which will provide easy access to the URW, such as a fence with a hinged or removable section. Fences cannot be metal (i.e. chain link).

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF I BUILD WITHIN THE URW?

Building or planting within a URW is known as encroachment and you may be asked to remove any encroachment material that interferes with the access to the URW.

If you wish to sell your property, it must be free of any encroachments or you must reach an encroachment agreement with the City of Calgary or the appropriate utility. The City of Calgary or respective utility may request the removal of the encroaching structure.

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