



Guide for Installing Fences and Landscaping Around Power Equipment

Locating fences and landscaping for power restoration, maintenance and safety

When your power goes out, we make every effort to restore service as quickly as possible. But sometimes our efforts are delayed when crews encounter items that obstruct access to power facilities.

Occasionally, flower beds, gardens, bushes and fences are located too closely to our ground-level equipment. This can create safety hazards and delay repairs. These obstructions also make it difficult to maintain these facilities. We need adequate space to work on this equipment.

Properly locating your landscaping and fences will help us reduce power restoration time, maintain reliability and eliminate safety hazards. It also, will save you money as it is the customer's responsibility to pay the cost to move obstructions that are not installed to meet needed clearances.

BEFORE DIGGING CALL GOPHER STATE ONE CALL AT 811 OR 1-800-252-1166 TO HAVE UNDERGROUND FACILITIES LOCATED BEFORE YOU INSTALL A FENCE OR LANDSCAPING.

Help us keep power restoration and maintenance trouble free. Leave proper space around power facilities.

Required clearance

These clearances are required:

- A 10-foot clear area in front of the opening side of a pad-mounted transformer (the side with the label on the lid).

- A 3-foot clear area in front of the opening side of a power pedestal (label side).

- A minimum of 4 feet of clear area on the other three sides of a transformer and power pedestal for shrubs.

- A minimum of 2 feet of clear area on the other three sides of a transformer and power pedestal for structures.

These are label-side views of a pad-mounted transformer and power pedestal.

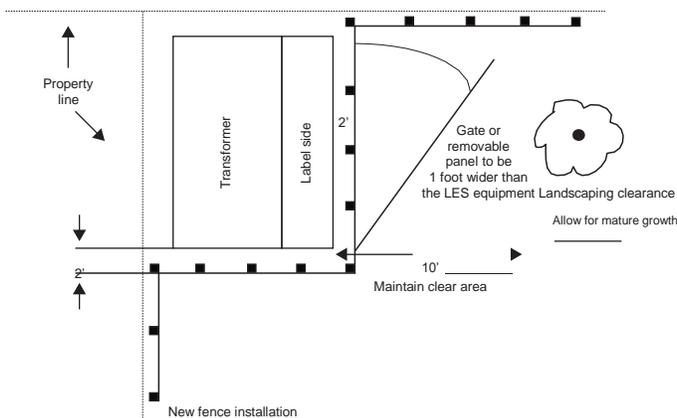
If you are unsure about these distances, contact the Le Sueur Municipal Utilities at 507-665-3338.

In addition, do not store materials such as firewood, bricks, lumber or mulched grass near transformers or pedestals.

Please refer to the diagrams on the back side of the brochure when planning your garden or arranging the installation of a fence.

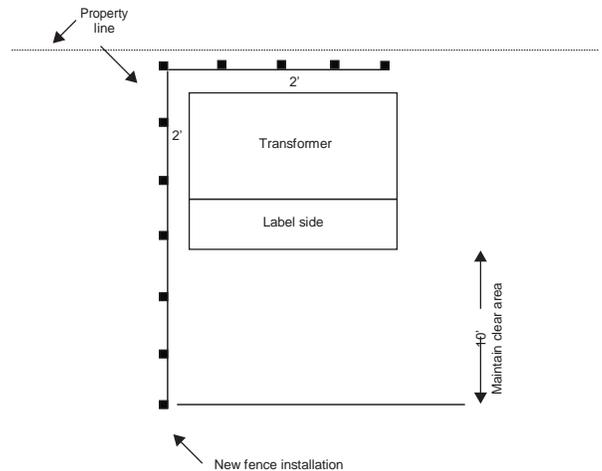


Example 1



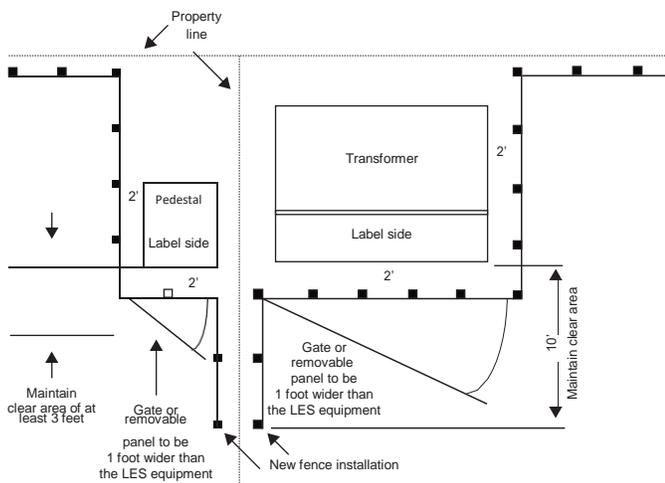
Install a gate or removable section of fence that is 1 foot wider than the transformer. Maintain a 10-foot clear area between the front of the transformer (label side) and landscaping.

Example 2



Maintain a 10-foot clear area between the front of the transformer (label side) and additional fencing.

Example 3

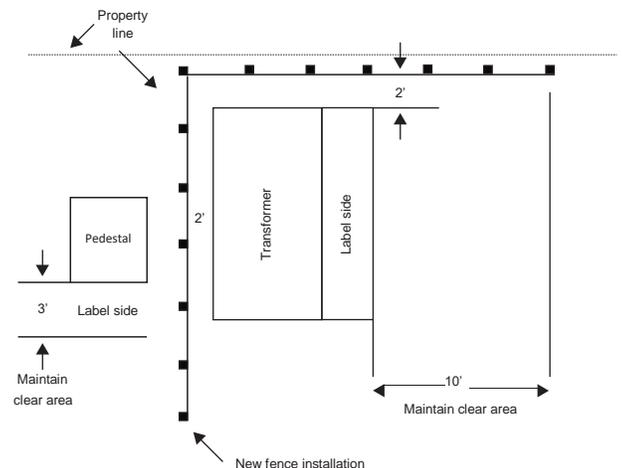


Transformer: Install a gate or removable section of fence that is 1 foot wider than the transformer. Maintain a 10-foot clear area between the front of the transformer (label side) and additional fencing.

Pedestal: Install a gate or removable section of fence that is 1 foot wider than the pedestal. Maintain a 3-foot clear path between the label side of the pedestal and additional fencing.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT LANDSCAPING OR FENCE INSTALLATION DISTANCES FROM ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, PLEASE CALL LE SUEUR MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AT 507-665-3338.

Example 4



Transformer: Maintain a 10-foot clear area between the front of the transformer (label side) and additional fencing.

Pedestal: Maintain a 3-foot clear area between the front of the pedestal (label side) and additional fencing.

When fully grown, trees, shrubs and bushes should be no closer than 10 feet from a transformer (label side) or 3 feet from a power pedestal (label side). There should be no growth closer than 2 feet from the other three sides of a transformer and pedestal.

Consult your nursery about the mature size of bushes and shrubs. This will assist you in planting them at the proper distance.