

How to Stop Gas Smart Meter Installation by the Utility Company

DTE and Consumers Energy don't install gas meters and electric meters at the same time.

How to Lock Your Gas Meter

1. Your gas meter is located outside of house on a side different from where the electric meter is. It comes out of the ground. Buy a shackle lock just like for your electric meter.
2. Buy a *hardened steel* chain. Measure your meter. You want the chain to loop around 3 times. Make sure you allow at least 2 extra links so that you can be assured you can lock it all up.
3. If you want to, put clear tape over the meter itself to protect it from being scratched. I haven't found this to be necessary, but I have seen it recommended.
4. Wrap the chain over the meter 3 times. You want to make sure it is tight. Lock the chain to itself. Make sure you lock the first wrap to the third wrap. If you aren't able to include the second wrap, don't worry about it. The chain will be secure.
5. Make sure that the chain is tight. To do this, see whether you can move the chain off the meter. If you can, it's not tight.
6. Make sure that the meter is still readable. There's no reason it shouldn't be. The chain will move slightly, and the meter can also be read thru the holes in the chain links.
7. This will keep your gas meter safe.

Questions?

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Gas meter. Note the meter at the top. Note the chain wrapped around three times and secured with a lock through two loops.



Close-up of lock on gas meter.