



Los Angeles
Department of
Water & Power

Pacific Palisades Undergrounding Initiative

Property Owner & Contractor Requirements for Future-Ready Electrical Service

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is committed to transitioning neighborhoods in Pacific Palisades to underground electrical distribution lines and services to the extent feasible as part of wildfire resilience and modernization efforts. While undergrounding will occur in phases, property owners rebuilding today have a unique opportunity to prepare for this future without costly disruptions later.

Installing the required infrastructure now—during your rebuild—will prevent the need for future excavation that could damage hardscaping, driveways, and landscaping. This proactive step ensures your property is ready for underground service when/if your block is converted.

Required Actions

As part of your rebuild, property owners and contractors must:

1. Install a Combination Service Panel

- The panel must accommodate both overhead and underground feeds (maximum 400A rating).
- This ensures flexibility for current overhead service and future underground conversion without panel replacement.

2. Build Out Conduit to the Street

- Install one 3" PVC conduit from the service panel to the front property line, terminating perpendicular to the street.
- Conduit must be Direct Buried beneath any driveable surface (e.g., driveways) to avoid future trenching.
- Maintain 3' clearance from side property lines and 10' clearance from tree trunks.
- Maximum conduit length: 120 feet.

3. Coordinate with LADWP

- Request a meter spot and schedule a pre-construction meeting with LADWP Electrical Service Representative (ESR) before installation.
- Ensure conduit and termination points meet LADWP specifications (refer to LADWP UGCS H-168).

Why This Matters

Without these steps, future undergrounding will require **breaking through driveways, patios, and landscaping**, resulting in higher costs and inconvenience. By installing a combo panel and conduit now, you:

- Avoid future disruption and expense.
- Enable seamless transition to underground service.

LADWP Electric Service Installation Steps for Pacific Palisades Fire Restoration

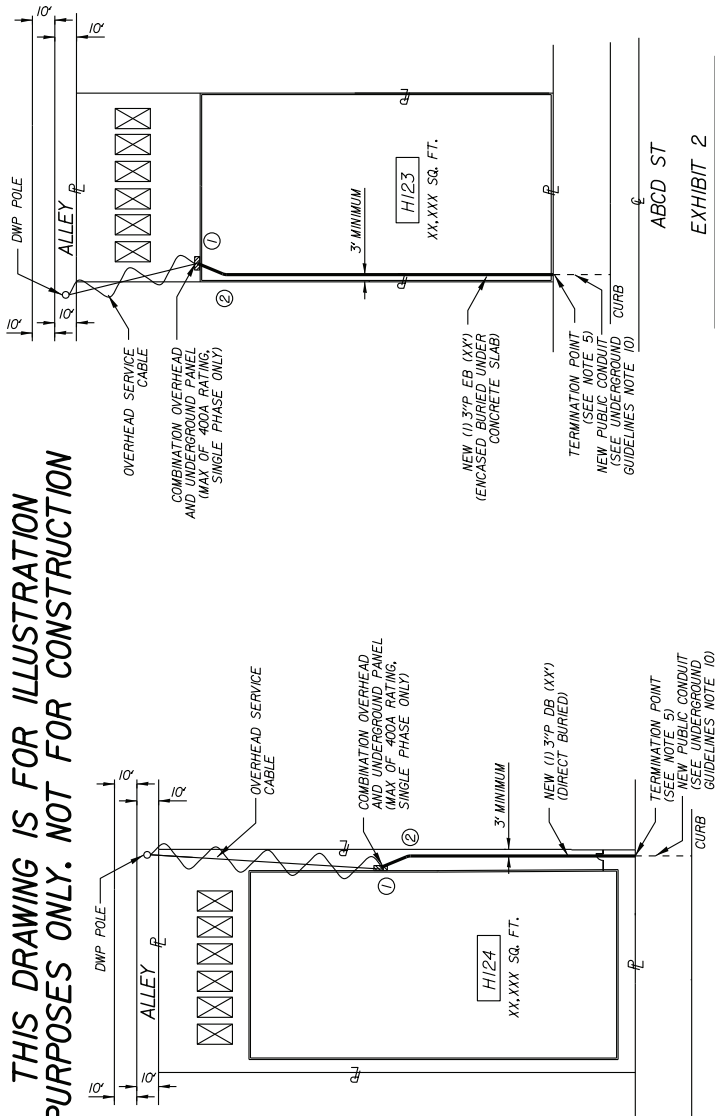
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1. Have a copy of LADBS approved building plans.
2. Submit an Electric Service Request from LADWP through the Meter Spot Request link: www.ladwp.com/ams
3. Contact LADWP Electric Service Representative (ESR) **before construction at (213) 367-6937** to do an onsite consultation on where to install the meter panel and conduit.
4. Install the 3-in conduit riser and the Schedule 40 - 3-in diameter x 36-in radius 90° conduit sweep stubbed up at the location where the meter panel will be installed.
Call ESR for inspection of the conduit sweep & riser.
5. Install the combination overhead & underground meter panel when the framing is in place. Before the wall is covered, **Call ESR for inspection of the meter panel.** If the conduit is not visible from the exterior or interior side of the wall during inspection, customer/contractor will be required to expose any wall covering so the conduit can be observed by the inspector.
6. Extend conduit from the 90° 3-in diameter x 36-in radius sweep to the front property line with 1 Schedule 40 - 22.5° degree x 36-in radius sweep and with the needed lengths of Schedule 40 - 3-in diameter straight PVC conduits. Must use **purple primer and clear PVC glue** for PVC connections.

7. Install LADWP supplied Flat Line and Duct Plug in the finished conduit installation from the meter panel pull section to the end of the conduit at the front property line. **The primer & glue containers must be onsite.**
Call ESR for inspection of the conduit.
8. Install Lead Plug in the curb face. If there is no curb face where the conduit is routed, install the Lead Plug on the top of the driveway "curb". **To be inspected by the ESR with the final inspection of the conduit.**
9. **Call ESR for final inspection** of the meter panel, the service entrance riser, the weatherhead, the service entrance wires extended out of the weatherhead 3-ft with the neutral wire identified with white tape, and the overhead periscope bracket to attach the DWP service drop.
10. Power will be released when both LADBS and LADWP have made their final electrical approvals and there is an application for a permanent power account at DWP. The power connection time can vary due to the volume of jobs or weather related delays. Ask the ESR for current estimated installation times. This can be a few days or a few weeks.

Underground Conduit Guidelines for Palisades

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EXHIBIT 2

CONDUIT INSTALLATION UNDER BUILDING WITH LADWP POLE LINE ALONG REAR OF PROPERTY (INFILL PROPERTIES) SEE NOTE 13

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CONDUIT INSTALLATION WITH LADWP POLE LINE ALONG REAR OF PROPERTY (STANDARD)

CUSTOMER TO REQUEST METER SPOT AND PRE-CONSTRUCTION MEETING BEFORE CONDUIT IS INSTALLED
NEW SERVICE CONDUIT MUST BE INSPECTED BY ESR BEFORE TRENCH IS BACKFILLED

UNDERGROUND GUIDELINES

1. NEW SERVICE CONDUIT TO MAINTAIN 3" MINIMUM CLEARANCE FROM SIDE LOT LINE. CONDUIT MAY NOT PASS BENEATH ANY FOOTINGS FROM PROPERTY LINE WALLS OR RETAINING WALLS.
2. ALL CONDUIT TO BE INSTALLED WILL BE (1) 3/4" AND WILL BE TERMINATED AT THE FRONT OF PROPERTY 30" BELOW GUTTER GRADE (THIS MEASUREMENT IS TAKEN TO THE TOP OF THE CONDUIT FOR DIRECT BURIED AND FROM THE TOP OF THE ENCASMENT FOR ENCASMENT BURIED CONDUIT). TERMINATION POINT TO BE 3" OFF OF PROPERTY LINE. (SEE UNDERGROUND GUIDELINES SECTION 7 FOR UNDERGROUND CONDUIT TERMINATION POINTS). PRE-CONSTRUCTION MEETING TO BE HELD ON INSPECTION DOCUMENTS. THERE MAY BE A NEED FOR A 10/4" CONDUIT IN LEU OF 3", PENDING ESR REVIEW AND PRE-CONSTRUCTION MEETING.
3. WHEN INSTALLING CONDUIT, THE CUSTOMER IS ALLOWED 2 90-DEGREE BENDS AND 145 DEGREE BEND WITHIN PRIVATE PROPERTY. PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT THE SERVICE EQUIPMENT INSTALLED ON THE PROPERTY MUST BE MAINTAINED TO THE ALIGNMENT WHEN POSSIBLE. THE BEND TO BRING THE CONDUIT PARALLEL TO THE SIDE PL SHOULD BE 22.5 DEGREES TO MINIMIZE TOTAL DEGREES IN BENDS. PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT IF A TOTAL OF 225 DEGREES IS EXCEEDED, THE JOB WILL BE FORWARDED TO ENGINEERING FOR DESIGN AS A HANDHOLE STRUCTURE MAY BE NECESSARY TO AVOID CABLE PULLING TENSION CONCERNS.
4. CONDUIT ENCASMENT TO BE REQUIRED AT ESR DISCRETION. FOR CROSS-SECTIONAL DETAILS FOR EB AND DB TRENCHES REFERENCE LADWP UGS H-168 AS LAST REVISED.
5. NEW SERVICE CONDUIT SHOULD NOT TERMINATE SUCH THAT IT WILL INVOLVE TRENCHING THROUGH A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY UNLESS NOT OTHER OPTIONS AVAILABLE. CONDUIT SHALL TERMINATE WHERE IT WILL NOT HIT A TREE, UTILITY METER, STREET LIGHT, OR ANY OTHER OBSTRUCTION IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY SHOULD IT CONTINUE TO THE STREET.
6. NEW SERVICE CONDUIT TO TERMINATE PERPENDICULAR TO THE FRONT PROPERTY LINE.
7. NEW SERVICE CONDUIT NOT TO BE INSTALLED WITHIN THE DRIP LINE OF TREES. NEW CONDUIT TO MAINTAIN 10" CLEARANCE FROM ALL TREE TRUNKS.
8. NEW SERVICE CONDUIT IS LIMITED TO 120' IN LENGTH. SHOULD A LONGER DISTANCE BE REQUIRED, THE PROJECT WILL REQUIRE ENGINEERING REVIEW AND DESIGN.
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12. FOR MORE SPECIFICS ON TRENCH DETAILS AND CONDUIT INSTALLATION PLEASE REFER TO THE ELECTRICAL SERVICE REQUIREMENTS MANUAL SECTION 6 AND SPECIFICATION 104 AS LAST REVISED.
13. CUSTOMER TO PROVIDE STRUCTURAL DRAWINGS STAMPED AND SIGNED BY A REGISTERED STRUCTURAL ENGINEER DETAILING THE ENCASED GALVANIZED CONDUIT RUN EXPOSED ON THE GARAGE WALL OR CEILING IN COMPLIANCE WITH LADWP ELECTRICAL SERVICE REQUIREMENTS PAGE 6-7 SECTION N. DRAWINGS SHALL BE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO START OF CONSTRUCTION

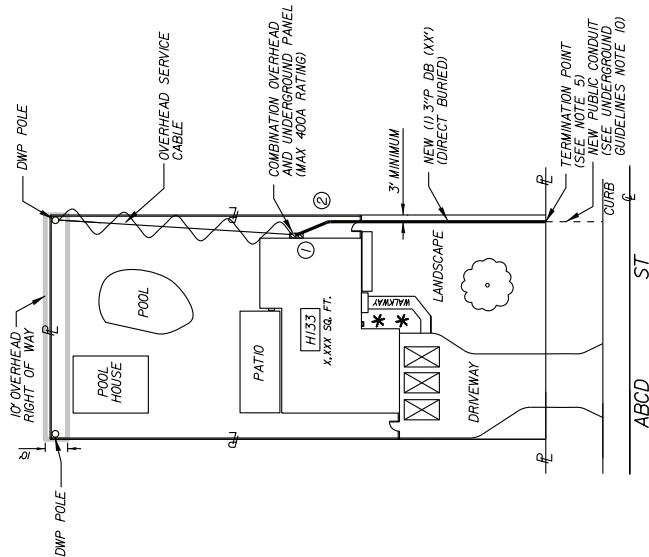
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PLEASE BE ADVISED, A 2X3 HANDHOLE MAY BE REQUIRED PER THE DISCRETION OF THE ESR WITH ASSISTANCE FROM NEW BUSINESS ENGINEERING

SERVICE CENTER JOB LOCATION		WLA	SERVICE CENTER CONSTRUCTION	WLA	WIR #	CONST #	PROJECT #	NON-CONST #
CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER POWER SYSTEM ENGINEERING					3058525	LC003	P333651	LC002
DESIGN J. HARMS								
DRAFTING J. HARMS								
CHECKER J. HARMS								
DATE 11/25/25								
APPROVED <i>Daniel Rostom</i>								
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PACIFIC PALISADES REBUILD GUIDELINES FOR FUTURE UNDERGROUND CONDUIT ON OVERHEAD SERVICES 400A & BELOW								
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GRC Riser to PVC Sweep and 22 Degree Bend Conduit

Meter Panel
Pull Section

GRC Conduit
Inside Wall

3in GRC
Galvanized
Rigid
Conduit
Riser

3in PVC Electric
Threaded to Slip
Coupling

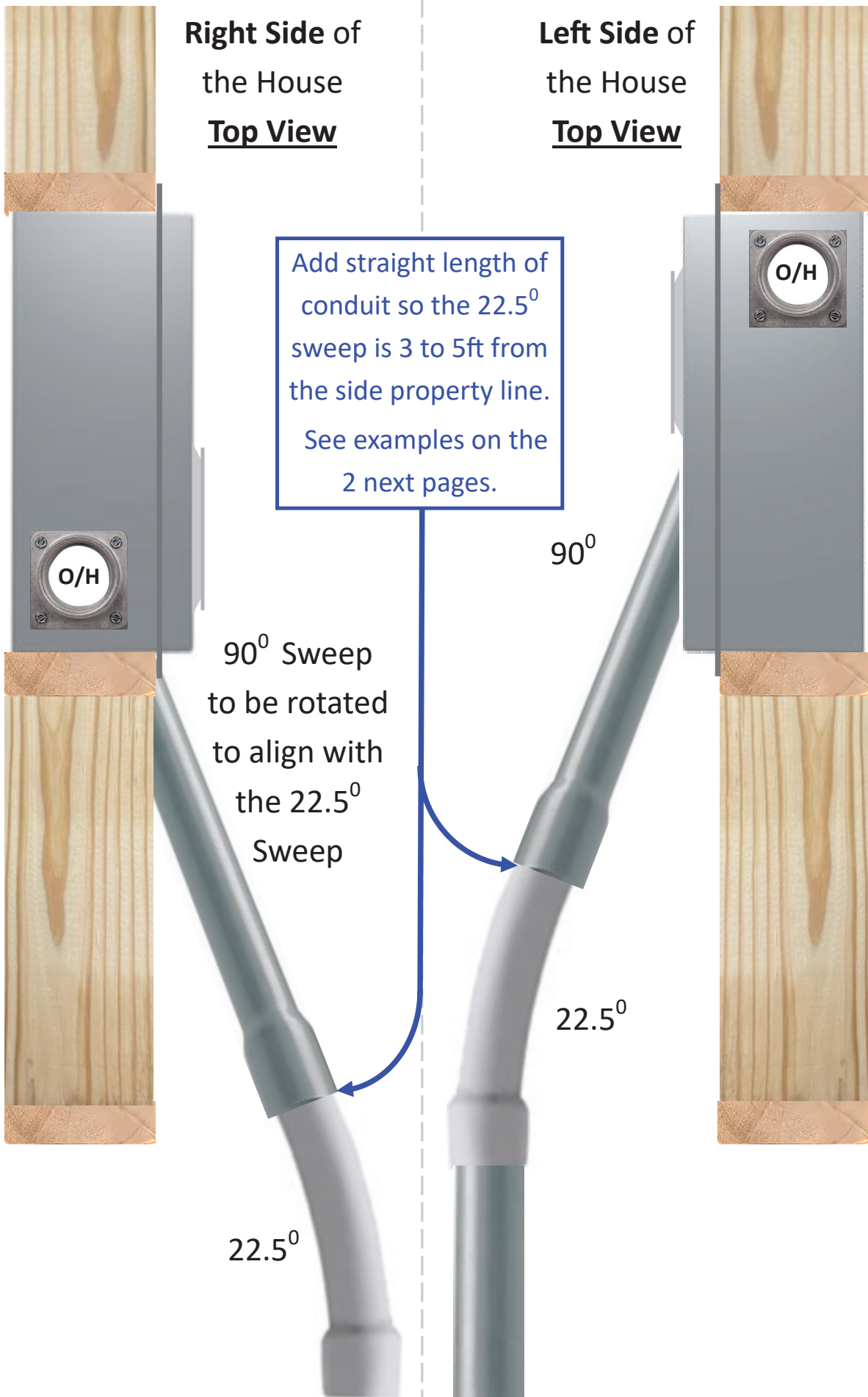
**GRC Conduit
In Slab &
Footing**

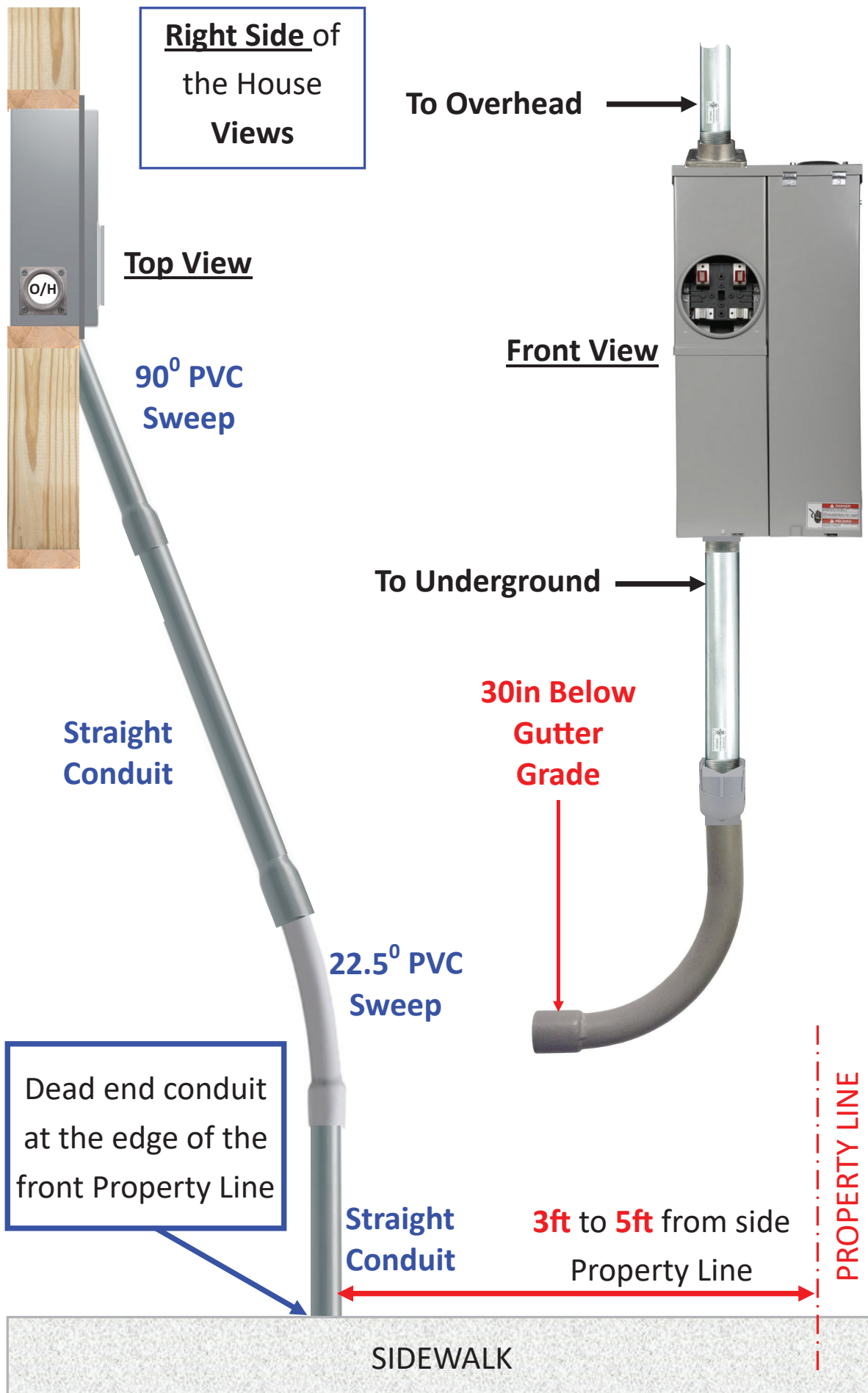
**3in PVC Electric Conduit
Sweep in Footing and Soil**

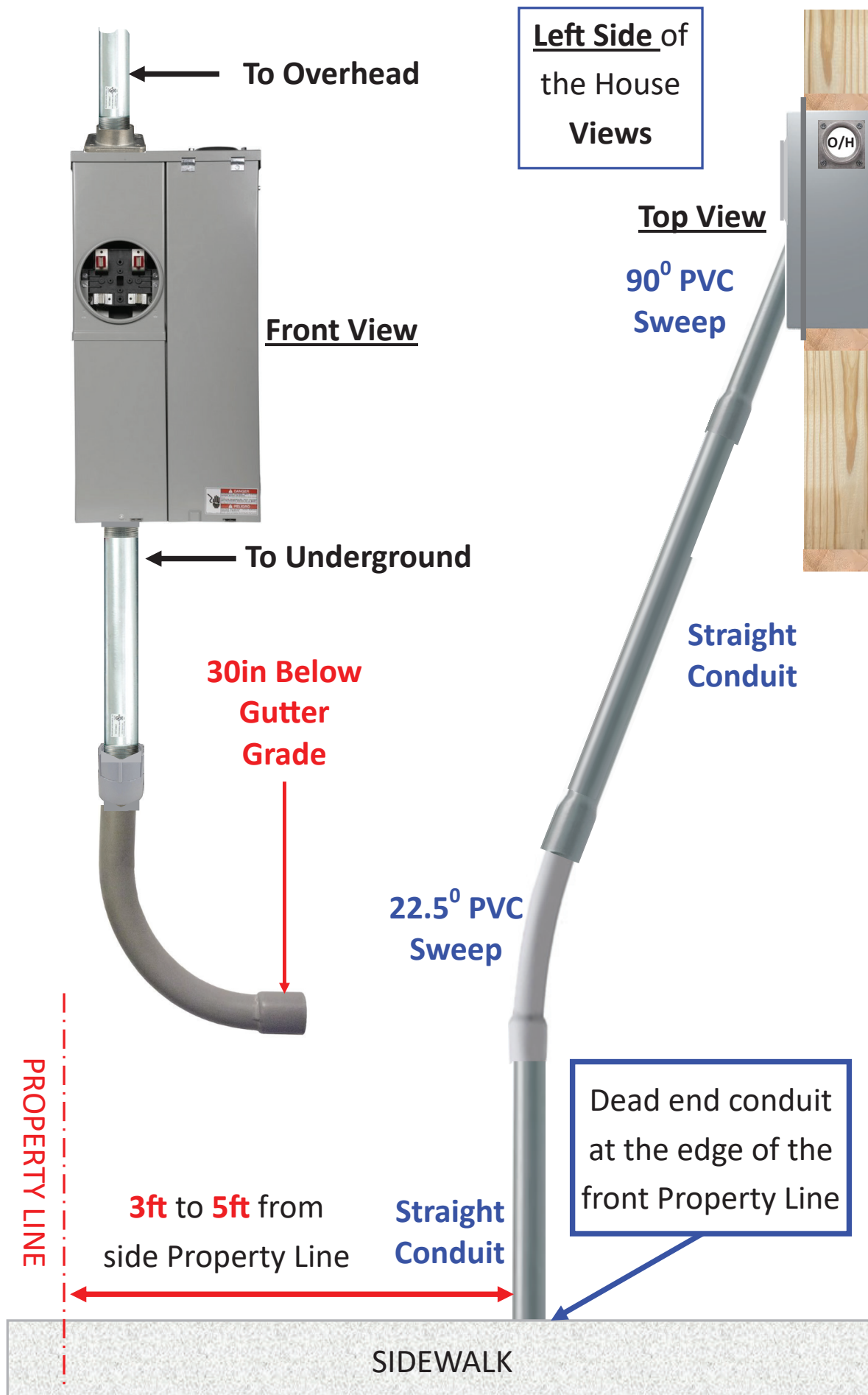
90 Degree **36in**
Radius **3in** PVC
Sweep

**Straight
Conduit**

22.5 Degree
36in Radius







Overhead (OH) and Underground (UG) Meter Panel Options 125A to Class 320

Overhead &
Underground
Meter Panel



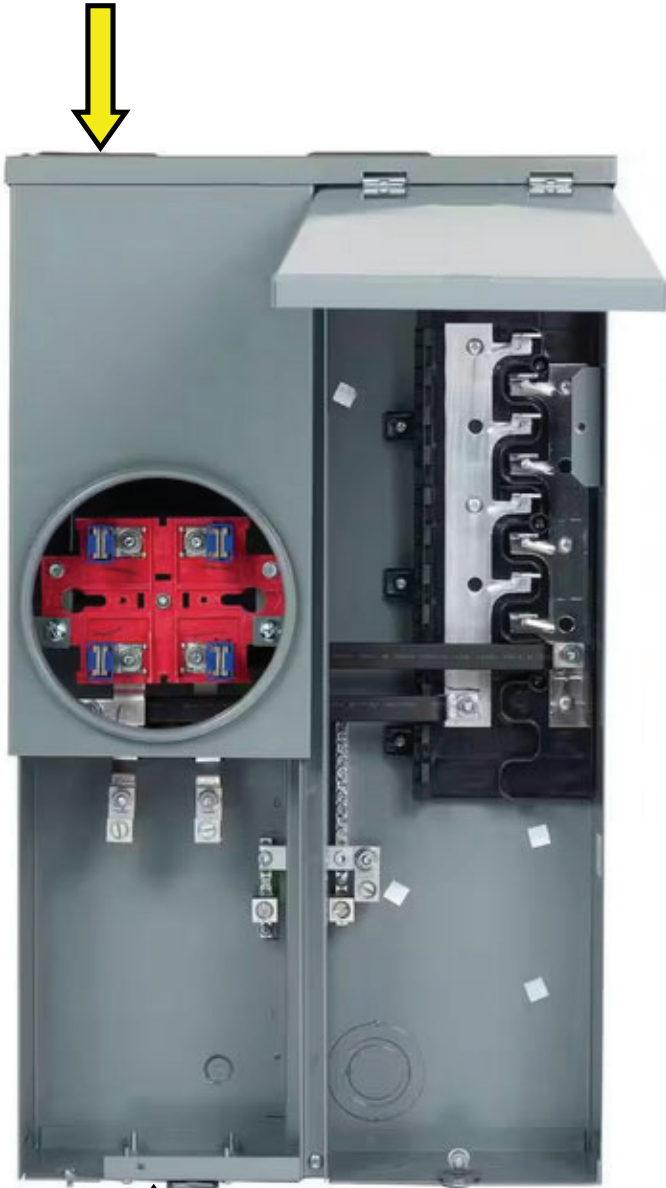
Hub for
Overhead

Ring Type
Meter Socket



Concentric knockouts
for underground (UG)

Overhead &
Underground
Meter Panel



**125 Amp 8-Space 8-Circuit
Ring-Type Overhead/Underground**



**200 Amp 20-Space 40-Circuit
Overhead/Underground Surface
Meter Combo Load Center**

200 Amp 40-Space 40-Circuit



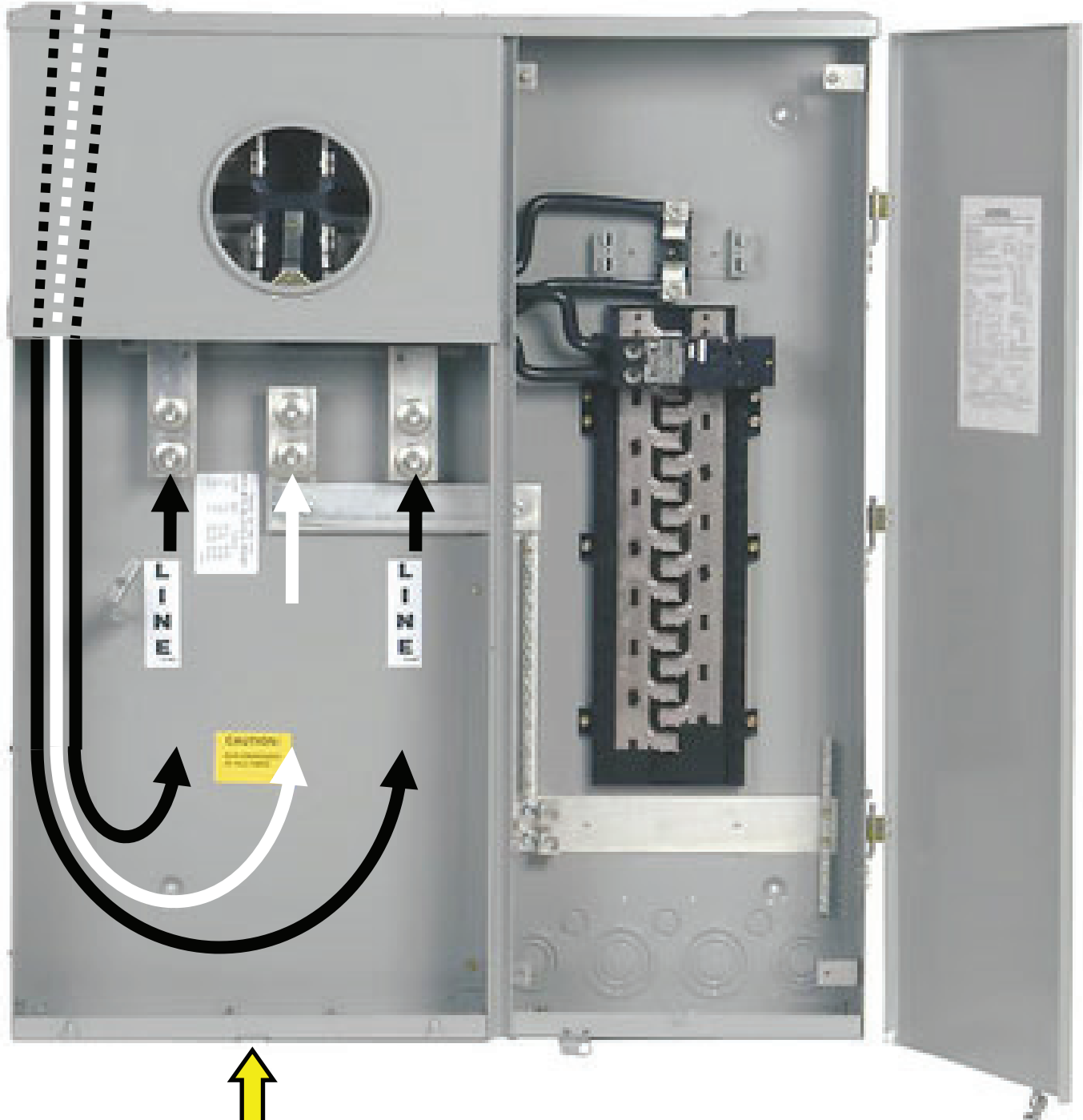
- Side-by-side construction; Surface mount, EUSERC Compliant Ring Type Meter Socket
- For Overhead or Underground feed applications

Hub for OH



Class 320 Residential Panel

400 -Amp 30 -Spaces 42 -Circuit
meter combo Load Center

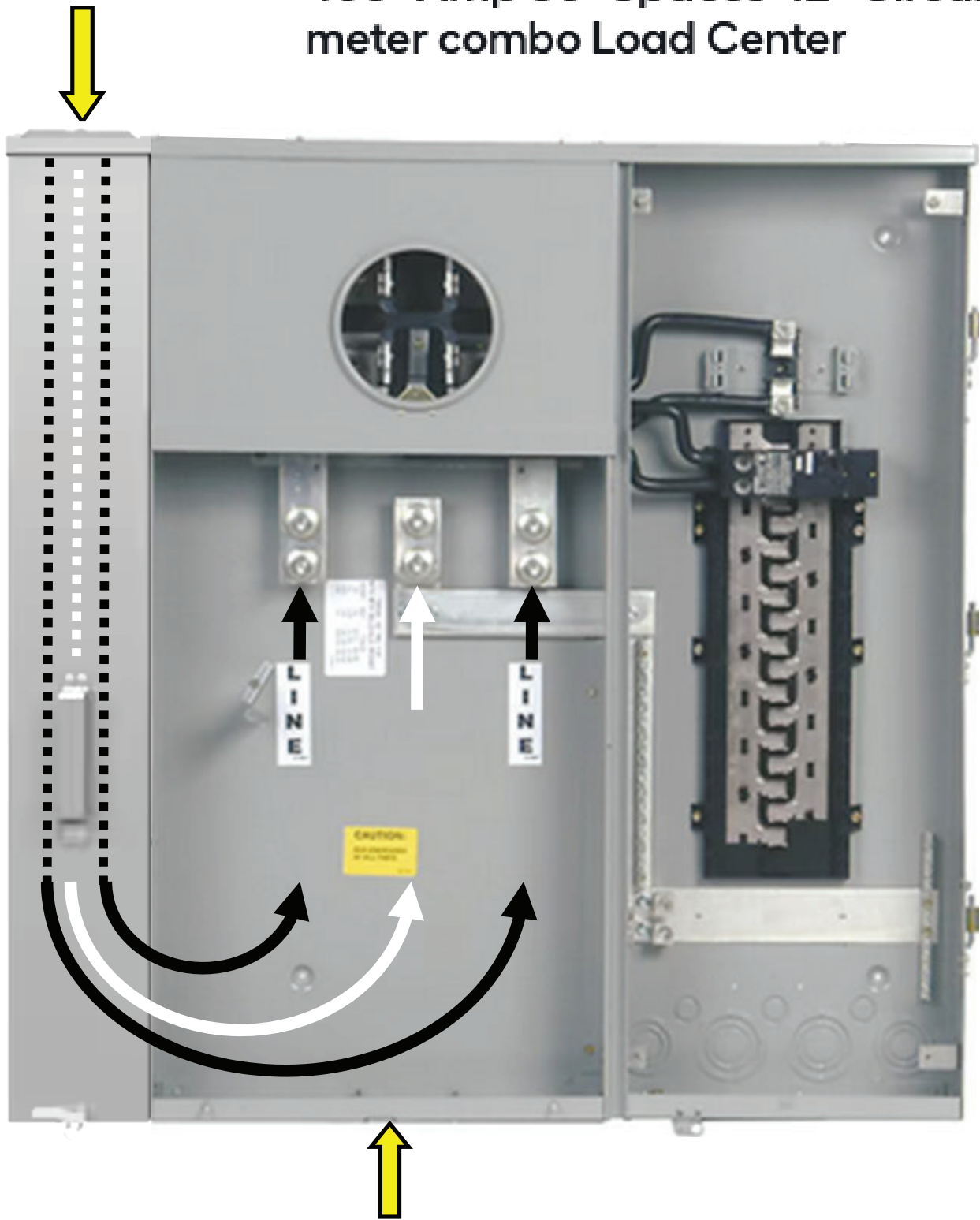


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Bolt on
OH Kit

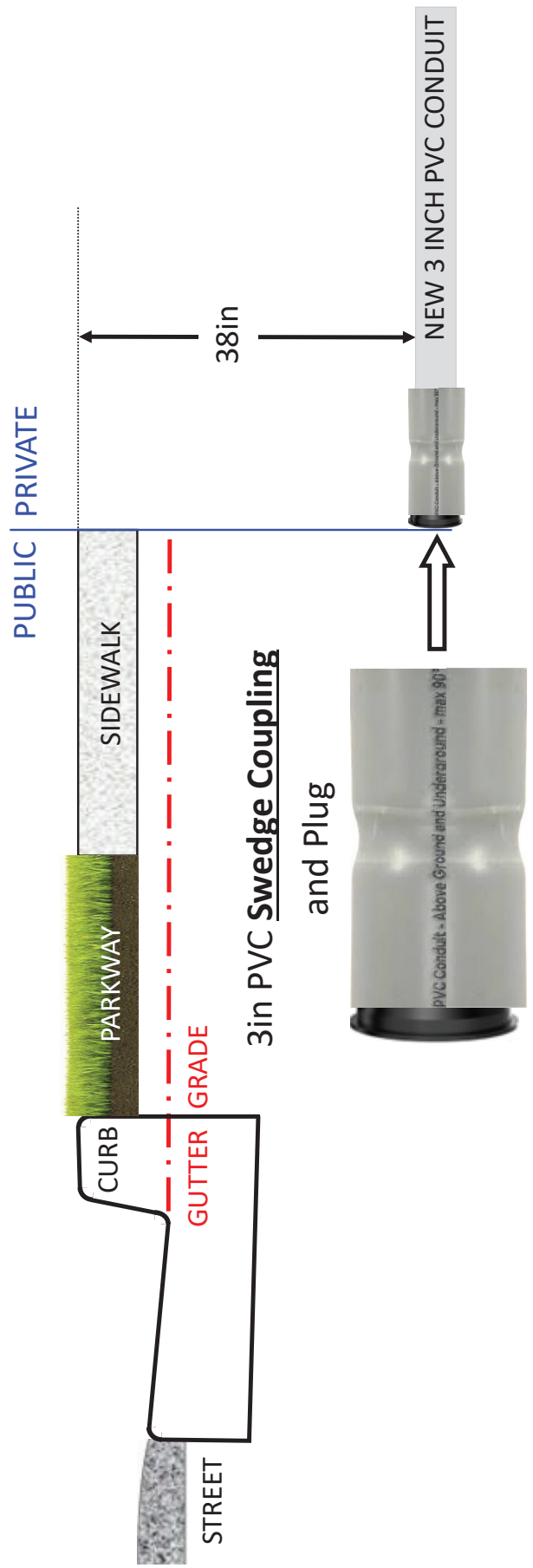
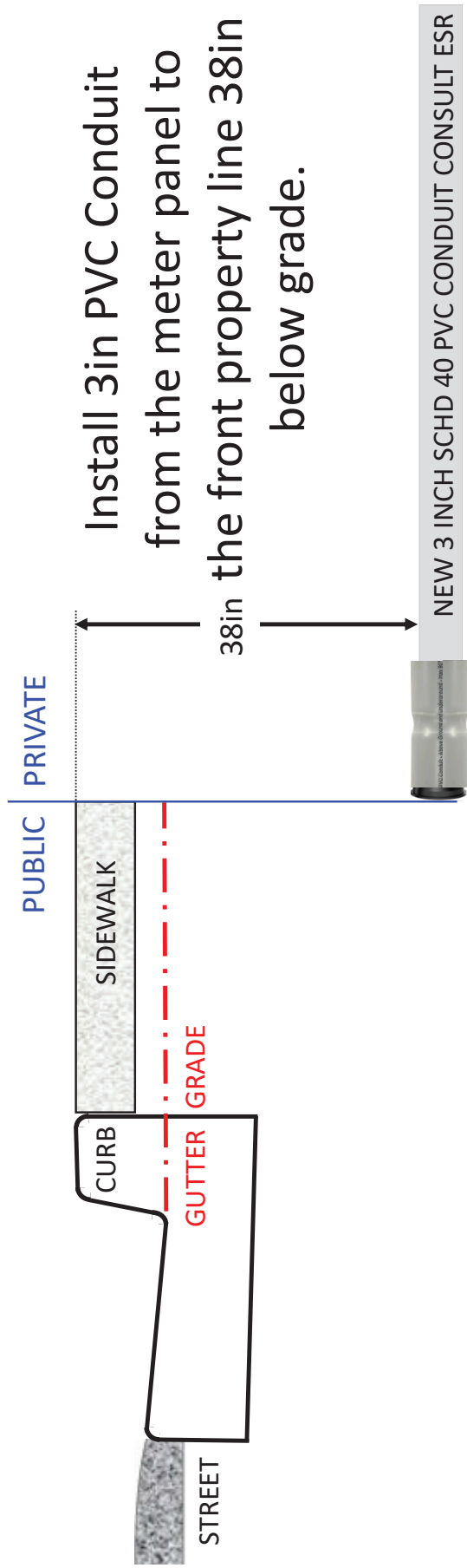
Class 320 Residential Panel 400 -Amp 30 -Spaces 42 -Circuit meter combo Load Center



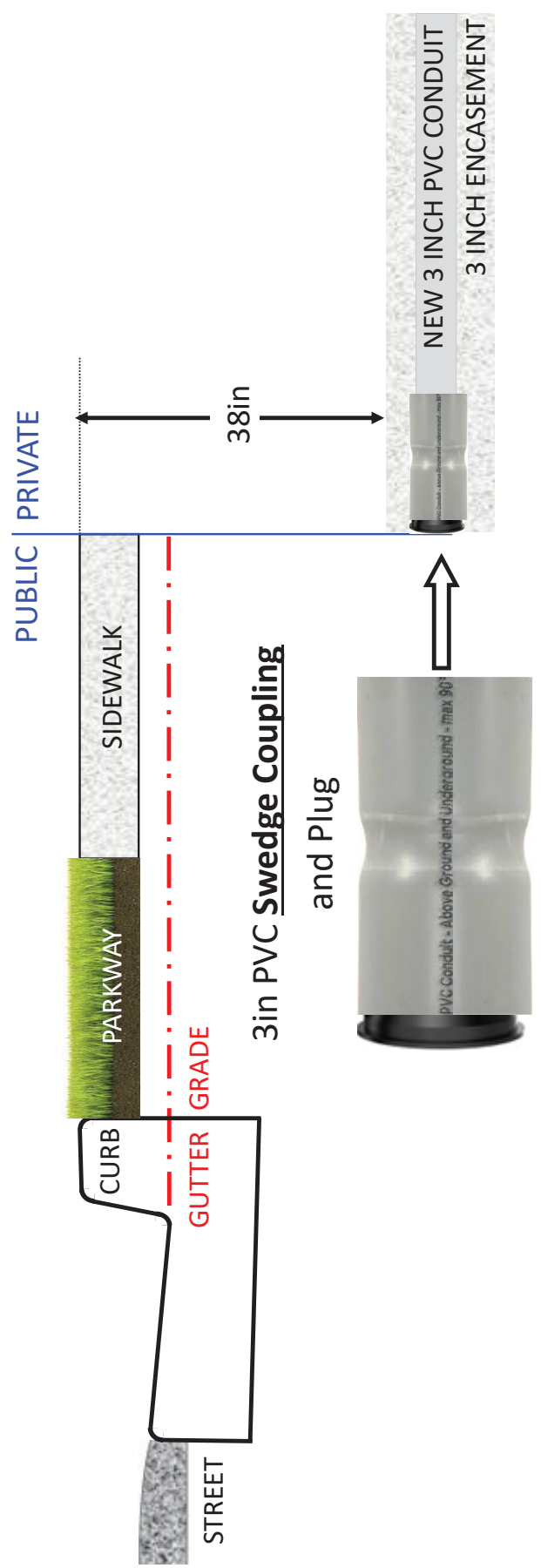
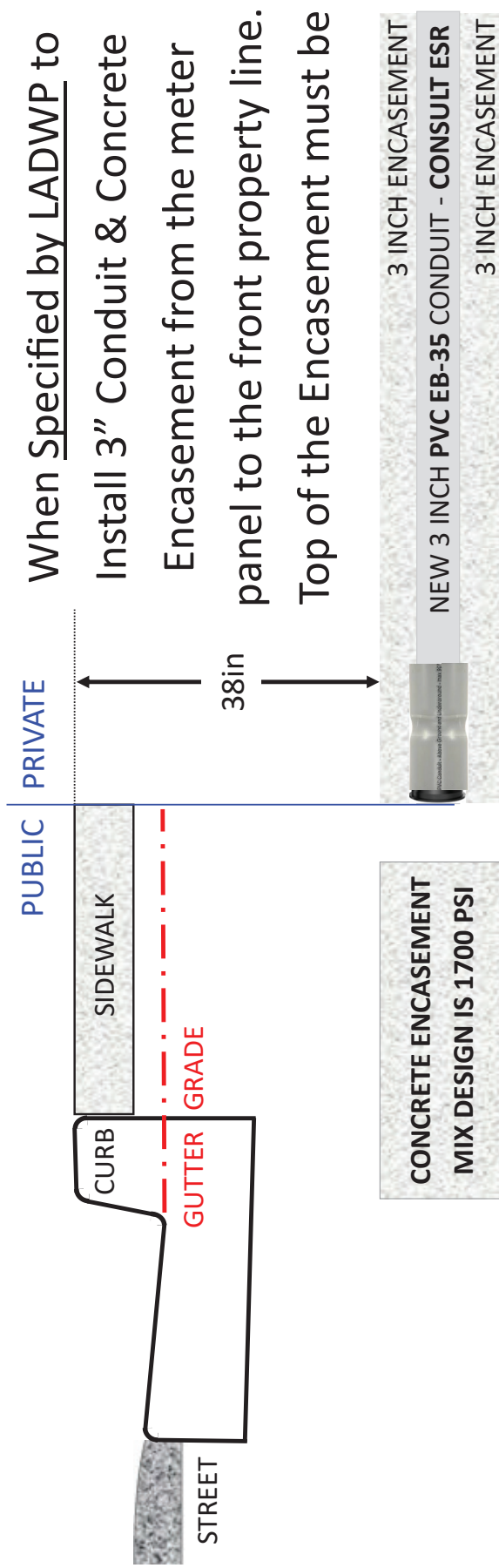
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Conduit Depth at Gutter Grade DB SCH 40 and EB Conduit Primer Flat Line Duct Plug

Future Underground Conduit Installed to the Public Property Line



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Full Scale 3 inch PVC Swedge Coupling



LADWP does not endorse any specific suppliers. The following sell Swedge Couplings:

Cantex, Carlon, Crescent Electric, Elliott Electric, Gordon Electric, JM Eagle, Platt, Thomas & Betts

LADWP Required PVC Clear Glue & Purple Primer Examples





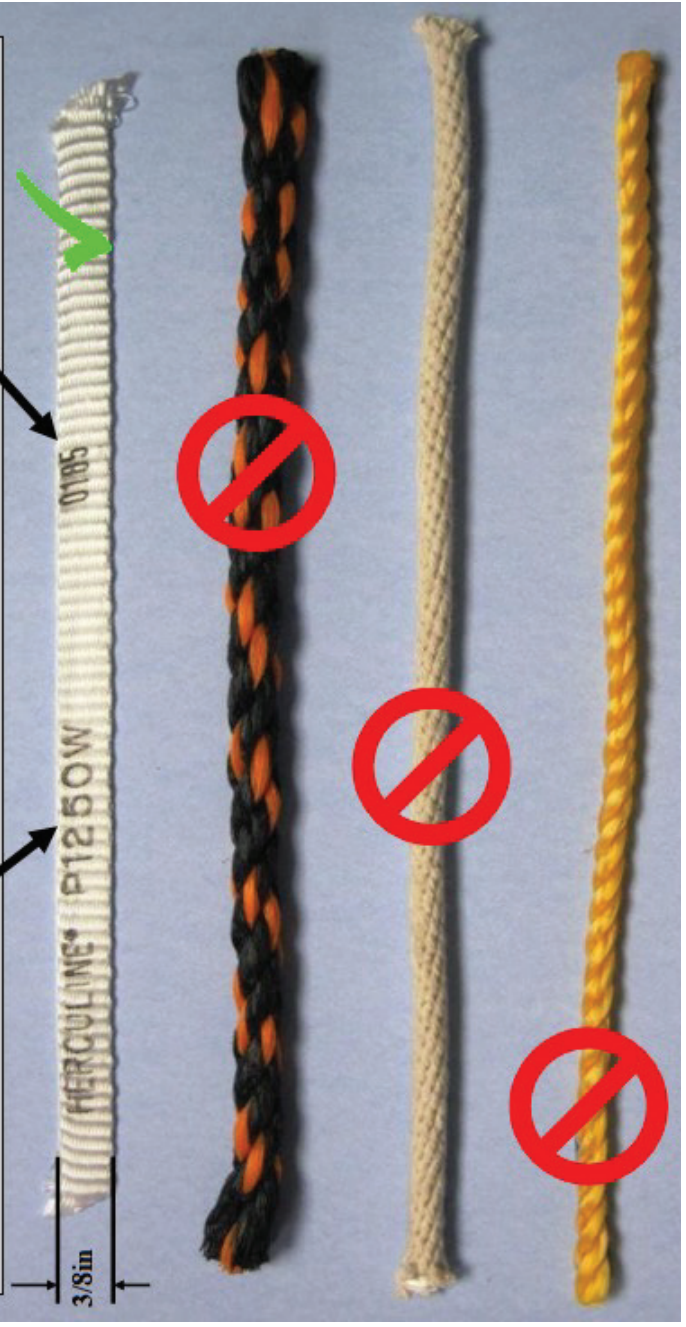
LADWP Conduit Pull Tape Requirements

21. Pulling Tape General Condition:

21(a). Install flat, woven multi-fiber polyester ribbon, minimum 3/8-inch nominal width and 1250-pound minimum tensile strength pulling tape in all ducts. The pulling tape shall be printed with the rated tensile strength and sequential footage markings with legible and stable print (no rub off). Fasten each tape to plugs on each end with 5'-0" minimum slack.

LADWP Required Pull Tape

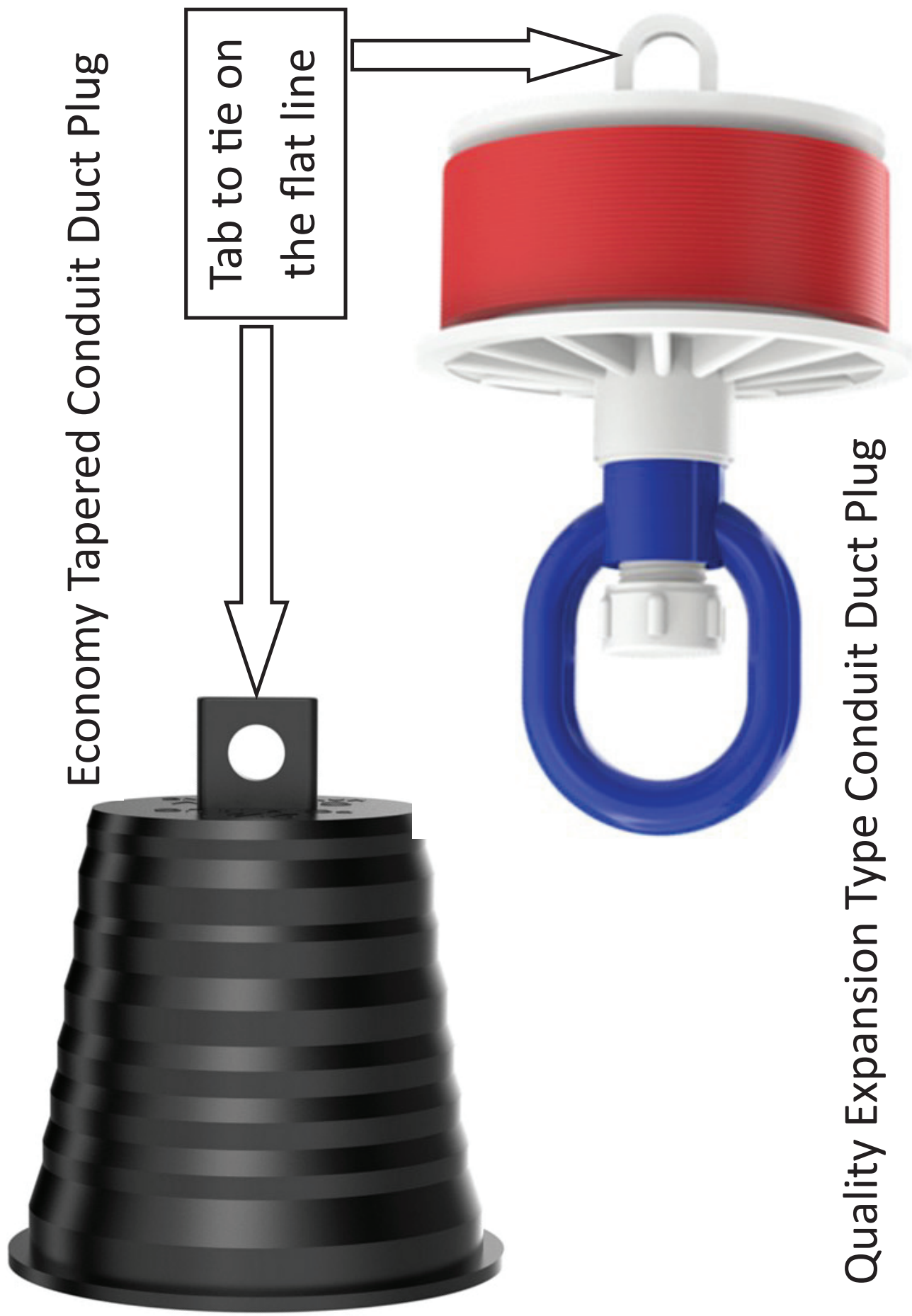
Continuous Length (no knots) Multi-fiber Polyester Flat Line
Min. 3/8in, 1250 lb Tensile Strength with Footage Markings



Typically called:

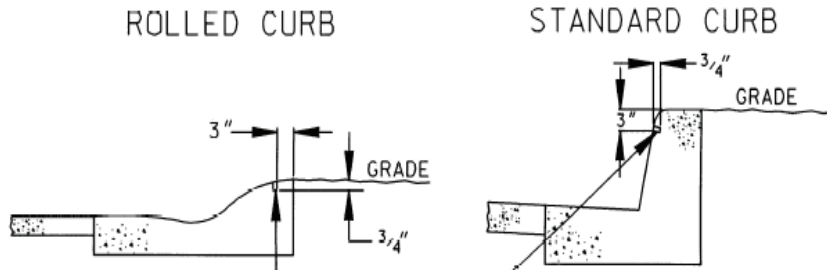
- Pull Tape
- Mule Tape
- Flat line

4 inch Conduit Duct Plugs used for Sealing a Conduit Dead End



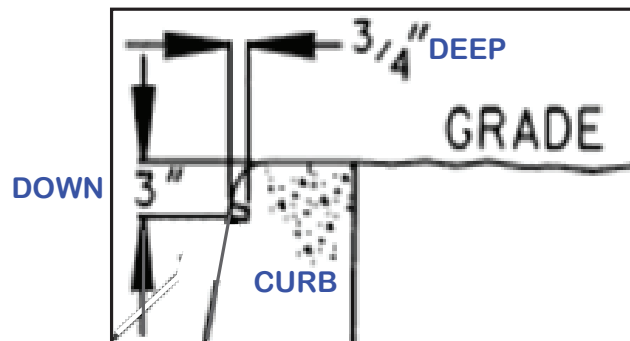
Lead Plug Instructions

LADWP Lead Plug For Service Conduit Dead End Location (H-168)



PLACE LEAD PLUG (5/8" DIA) IN CURB
OPPOSITE ENTRANCE OF SERVICE CONDUIT
INTO LOT AND STREET LIGHT SERVICE.
PLUGS SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS SERVICE (P)

Drill a **5/8" diameter**
hole in the curb face.
It needs to be **3" down**
from the top of the curb.
The hole needs to be
3/4" deep.



Lead Fishing Weights
can be used to create
the Lead Plug for the
curb face and installed
into the 5/8" dia. hole
Approximately \$5.00



Capital Letter "P"
Hand Tool Stamp
1/2 inch tall letter
Approx. \$12.00



Use a flat face hammer to compress lead material into the drilled hole so that it is flush with the face of the curb.

Then use letter “P” stamp to imprint the letter into the lead plug.

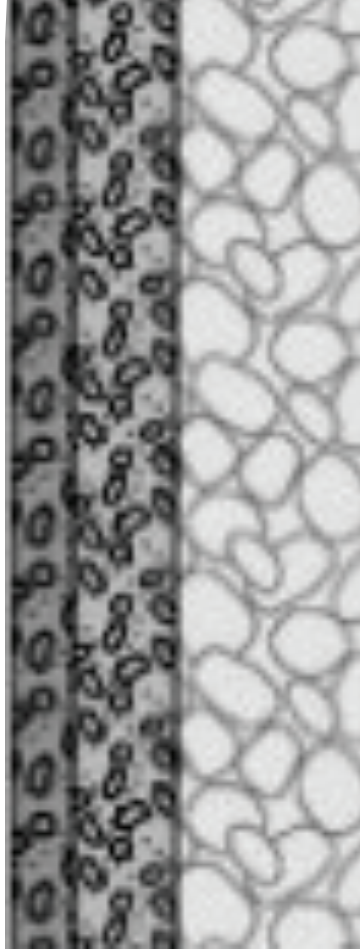
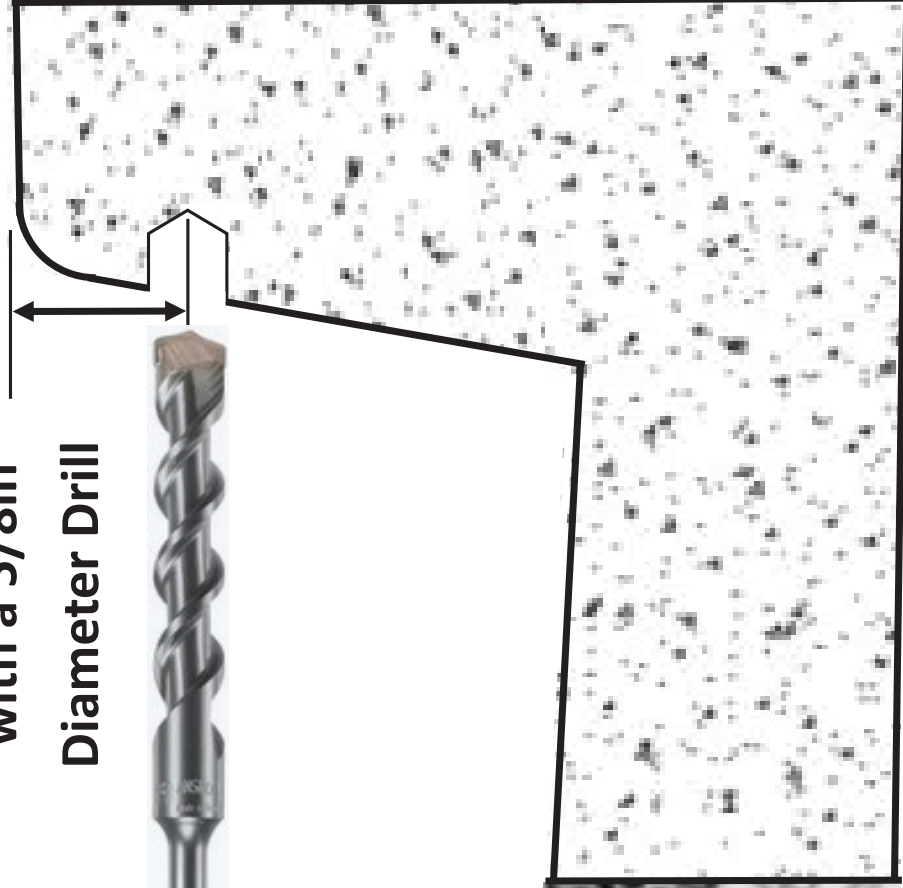
Drill a 3/4in

Deep hole

with a 5/8in

Diameter Drill

3in

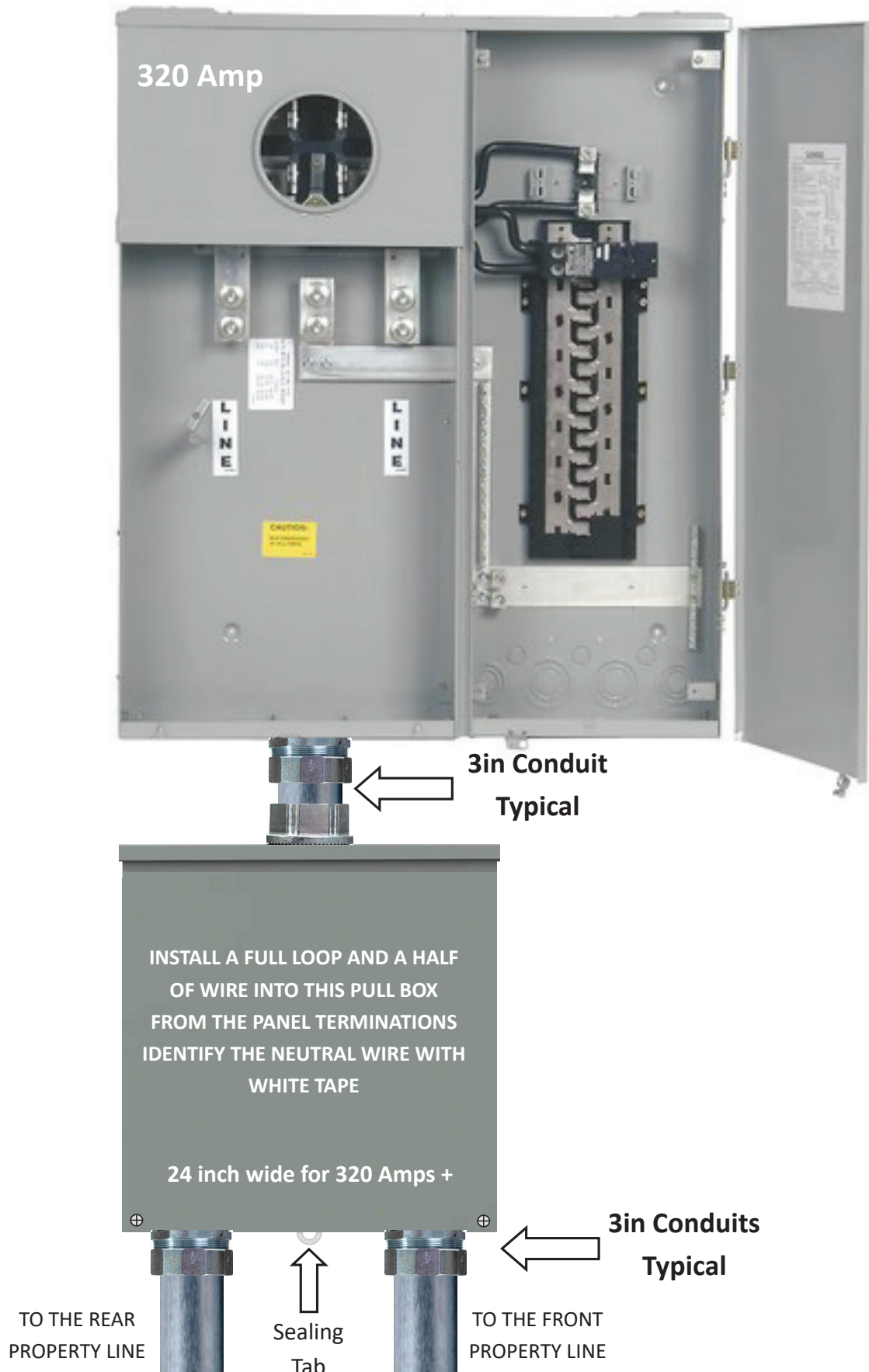


Rear Property Line Conduit to Future Front Property Line Conduit Pull Box

Rear Property Line Conduit to Front Line Property Conduit



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16in wide for 200A or 24in wide for 400A

**A Screw Cover + Drip Shield Type 3R with
Bottom Knockouts + a Sealing Tab Provision
“Hoffman” Type Pull Box**

16 in high for 200A

24 in high for 400A

**6 in
Deep**



**Sealing
Tab**