



Generator Submittal Requirements

Town of Atherton
Building Department
80 Fair Oaks Ln
Atherton, California 94027
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It is unlawful for any person to damage or harm a Heritage Tree by any means whatever, including, without limitation, vehicles, machinery, or building supplies or material (including fluids) during any construction or renovation of structures on the parcel.

1. **Plans are to include** manufacturer specifications for generator, horsepower, cut-off or transfer switch, single electrical drawing, site plan as outlined below, gas piping (with sizing calculations), any tanks and documentation showing the noise level at the property line will not exceed 50 dBA.
2. Obtain approval from the **Menlo Fire District** (except natural gas only)- (650) 688-8425.
3. It is your responsible to obtain any permits from **Bay Area Air Quality Management District** (BAAQMD) for backup generators rated at more than 50 hp. (415) 749-4990
4. **Location of Generator:**
 - a. **Main Building Area:** May be located within the buildable area of the lot and enclosed or otherwise screened to mitigate noise and comply with the town noise ordinance. The location of the equipment shall not impact existing trees. Equipment may be located next to existing buildings consistent with building code requirements. May be located underground when the size is limited to the minimum area needed for the equipment and access and working space but may not exceed six inches above grade.
 - b. **Outside of the Main Building Area:** Generators located outside of the main building area are considered accessory structures and must conform to the following setbacks:

Location	Setback
Front	120 ft., or 30 ft. behind front line of main structure, whichever is less
Side, interior	10 ft.
Side, street side	See Table 17.38.010 of the Atherton Municipal Code
Rear	10 ft.
Rear, abutting street	30 ft.
Between structures and buildings	8 ft.



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5. Site Plan, including:

- a. Location of wells, easements, right-of-way's, etc.
- b. Street address, owner, number of sheets, and plan preparers name and other pertinent information, phone numbers, address and wet signature (stamp if applicable).
- c. Location, size and species of all heritage sized trees on the property (48" circumference (diameter of more than 15 inches) @ 48" above grade.
- d. Location and details of tree protection, if required.
- e. Location and setbacks of all existing structures.
- f. Location and height of flue terminations and any building vent openings if located within 10' of a building for code compliance.
- g. Location of generator and dimension in accordance number 4 above.

6. Notes required on the site plans

- "Maximum generator noise shall not exceed 50 dBA as measure on the receiving property. Atherton Municipal Code Section 8.16.030."
- "Recommend testing of generators between the hours of 10a.m. and 4p.m Monday through Friday only."
- Trenches shall be outside of drip lines of existing trees in order to minimize negative impacts. Contact the Town Arborist at (650) 752-0526 with any concerns or questions"
- Place a permanent placard on the main electrical panel disconnect stating "CAUTION ELECTRICAL SERVICE HAS BACKUP GENERATOR POWER SOURCE"

Note: If the Maximum generator noise of 50 dBA as measure on the receiving property. Atherton Municipal Code Section 8.16.030." If exceeding the 50 dBA is in question, then a third-party sound expert will be required to perform a sound test.

Note: If the Maximum generator noise exceeds 50 dBA as measured on the receiving property. Atherton Municipal Code Section 8.16.030." Then a sound wall or barrier will be required

Note: If the generator is to be located in a "vault", contact the Town of Atherton Zoning Department for additional requirements.