



Electricians Examining Board
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MEMORANDUM

To: All Utilities and Electricians
From: Kern D. Butler, Senior State Electrical Inspector
Date: July 14, 2022
RE: Emergency Disconnects on 1 and 2 Family dwellings.

The State of Maine HAS NOT waived the need to install an emergency disconnect on 1 and 2 family dwellings.

We realize there is a severe shortage of combination meter disconnects, but that is not the only way to meet this requirement. Listed below are some of the other possible ways this requirement can be met.

Please remember this code section is for 1 and 2 family dwellings only!

- **A single meter with a breaker enclosure mounted next to it.**
- **A single meter with a fused disconnect mounted next to it.**
- **A single meter with an unfused disconnect mounted next to it.**
- **A meter disconnect mounted ahead of the meter**

There are multiple ways to accomplish this by labeling the disconnect.

- **Emergency Disconnect/Service Disconnect**
- **Emergency Disconnect not Service Equipment**
- **Emergency Disconnect/Meter Disconnect/Not Service Equipment**

Remember all equipment needs to be rated for use as service equipment. I researched the availability of the equipment above and it is mostly readily available, what is not available are meter sockets in general. This is the reason that combination meter disconnects are not available, the components to build the meter part of it are not available.

This will be reevaluated as needed according to equipment availability.