



Setbacks

What is a Setback?

A “setback” for wind turbines defines the minimum distance a turbine can be built from residential structures, property lines, roads, environmentally or historically sensitive areas, and other locations. Setbacks can be set by federal, state, and/or local governments depending on the project specifications. Setbacks can be a fixed distance or a distance relative to the turbine height (e.g., 1.2 times the turbine tip height).

Setbacks help protect public safety, and no member of the public has ever been injured by a turbine.

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