

Choosing Natural Gas for Your Home

- Natural gas costs less than heating oil, propane, and electricity to heat a home.
- Natural gas burns cleaner than any fossil fuel.
- Natural gas is versatile - it can be used to fuel almost any indoor or outdoor application.



Natural Gas – Versatile and Efficient

By choosing natural gas for your home energy needs, you will be able to take advantage of the numerous benefits inherent with the use of natural gas like saving money, improving the environment, and increasing your comfort. Whether you currently are using heating oil, propane, or electricity, switching to gas is the natural choice for your home heating, water heating, cooking, clothes drying, fireplaces, and outdoor living applications.

Lower Your Energy Costs

Natural gas has historically cost less than electricity, heating oil, or propane. Currently, on average, the cost of natural gas is about half the cost of other fuels.* Depending on the type of heating system you have, a natural gas heating system can cost from 25% to 75% less to operate than a heating system that uses oil or electricity. And, two gas water heaters can operate for less than one electric water heater!

In addition, natural gas heating systems cost less to maintain and have higher efficiencies than heating oil systems. Gas furnaces are up to 98% efficient. Heating oil systems can reach maximum efficiency levels of only 87%.

The Right Choice for the Environment

Natural gas is the cleanest-burning fossil fuel available. Homeowners can reduce carbon emissions by over 60% and virtually eliminate sulfur dioxide emissions if they switch from heating oil to natural gas.

Natural gas is non-toxic and will not contaminate groundwater or soil. Heating oil is stored in underground tanks that can leak and contaminate water and soil - damaging the environment and leaving you with the clean-up costs.

*Source: Department of Energy Information Administration

Advantages of natural gas:

- **Lower energy costs** - natural gas is the most economical option for homeowners.
- **Increased comfort** - natural gas provides warmer air and heats your home faster than electricity.
- **Better for the environment** - natural gas is the cleanest-burning fossil fuel.
- **Reliable** - natural gas is there when you need it. You won't run out of fuel or have to schedule a delivery.
- **Economical** - you pay for it after you use it. Unlike propane and heating oil, there is no pre-payment for fuel stored in a tank.
- **Domestic** - almost 100% of natural gas is produced in North America.

Making the switch is easy

If there is no current natural gas connection to the home, call your local natural gas provider to determine if service is available. They will guide you through the process of getting a meter installed, selecting a contractor and equipment, and activating service to your home.



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