GOOD GAS NEWS



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Natural gas: The best choice for cost savings, reliability, and comfort.

Clean, reliable natural gas is the best choice when it comes to cooking, drying clothes, and heating your home and water. Here's why.

Natural gas is:

Clean

- Choosing natural gas is an easy way to reduce your impact on the environment without sacrificing comfort.

Cost Effective

- Natural gas appliances often cost less money to operate than electric appliances.
- Electricity loses more than 70 percent of its usable energy in its journey from the mine, solar panel, wellhead, or wind turbine to its final destination at the electric outlet. Natural gas only loses about 10 percent of its usable energy from wellhead to burner tip.*

Reliable

- Natural gas is an abundant, domestically produced fuel you can count on.
- Since the natural gas system is underground, outages are rare.

Natural Gas Creates Jobs

- Unlike other energy sources, most of the natural gas consumed locally is produced right here in Pennsylvania.
- Using natural gas creates local jobs and reduces dependence on foreign oil.

*According to the American Public Gas Association.

Do you use natural gas for home heating and want to save on high water heating bills for your current electric, oil, or propane service? Call a PGW specialist at 215-684-6750 today.



It's your home – make it work for you

PGW EnergySense can help you take control of energy costs, upgrade the comfort of your home, and maybe even get paid to do it.

Call 855-PGW-SOLVES before summer's over!

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Good energy makes good sense.

Pennsylvania's Gas Choice

Philadelphia Gas Works can provide both natural gas supply and gas distribution services to customers. However, Pennsylvania's Gas Choice program allows customers to choose a natural gas supplier other than PGW. Unless you opt out, gas suppliers are provided with your name, address, account number, and natural gas usage history so they may promote their services to you. You may opt out of having either your natural gas usage information, or any of your account information released to natural gas suppliers. PGW will not release your information to the outside gas suppliers if you opt out.

For more information about how Gas Choice works or to opt out, visit pgworks.com/residential/customer-care/gaschoice or call 215-235-1000 (residential) or 215-235-7077 (commercial).

Termination Policy
PGW may terminate gas service for nonpayment of your bill, including any charges billed to your account by third-party suppliers.

Do you know these common natural gas competition terms?

Burner tip — The point at which natural gas is used such as a furnace, water heater, or range.

Ccf — 100 cubic feet of gas. This is a measure of gas usage.

Chapter 56 — The PUC regulations that govern metering, billing, and collections for residential gas and electricity service.

City gate — The point where interstate pipelines deliver gas into NGDC facilities.

Commodity charges — The charges for basic gas supply service which is sold either by volume (ccf or Mcf) or heating value (dekatherms).

Customer charge — A monthly charge to cover NGDC costs such as maintaining the gas lines, meter reading, and billing.

Distribution charges — The charges for the delivery of natural gas from the point of receipt into the NGDC's system.

Dth (Dekatherm) — A measure of the heat content value of gas. Gas usage is determined by multiplying the Mcf used by the heat content value of the gas.

Gas cost adjustment charges — The amount billed or credited each month to account for differences between projected and actual gas supply costs of the NGDC.

Mcf — 1,000 cubic feet of gas. This is a measure of gas usage.

NGDC — Natural gas distribution company. A state regulated natural gas utility which owns the gas lines and equipment necessary to deliver natural gas to the consumer. (Formerly called *local distribution company*).

NGS — Natural gas supplier. An entity that sells or arranges to sell natural gas to customers that is delivered through the distribution lines of an NGDC.

PUC — Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. The State regulatory agency that provides oversight, policy guidance, and direction to public utilities and suppliers.

Price to compare — The dollar amount charged by the NGDC used by consumers to compare prices and potential savings with other NGSs.

Storage — Placing natural gas into an underground facility for removal and use at a later date.

Transmission — The moving of natural gas through the interstate pipeline system for delivery to the NGDC.

To request a copy of the Consumer's Dictionary for Natural Gas Competition, call 215-235-1000 or write PGW at 800 W. Montgomery Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19122.

Help beat the summer slide by enjoying books with young readers.

Summer is a great time to read. Summer reading helps kids return to school in the fall ready to learn! It also helps children and teens combat the dreaded *summer slide* – the tendency for students to lose some of the educational achievement made during the previous school year. The School District of Philadelphia offers suggested book lists for pre K – 2 readers. Here are just a few books to choose from:

- **Tito Puente, Mambo King / Tito Puente, Rey del Mambo,** by Monica Brown
- **I Got the Rhythm,** by Connie Schofield-Morrison
- **The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses,** by Paul Goble
- **The Giving Tree,** by Shel Silverstein
- **Blueberries for Sal,** by Robert McCloskey

The Free Library of Philadelphia can help parents and caregivers to select more books that match a child's age, interests, and abilities. Visit YourReader.org for more tips that help children, from infancy to grade school, build the reading skills they need to succeed.

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