

## Smell gas? Leave fast!

Then call **1-800-444-3130**.

Natural gas is clean-burning, efficient, economical and environmentally friendly. It's delivered to your home or business through a safe, underground pipeline system, but safety also depends on you.

While natural gas is naturally colorless and odorless, National Fue adds a rotten egg smell so you will know if there is a leak.

If you smell gas:

#### DO

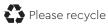
- Leave the premises immediately
- Maintain a safe distance, approximately 330 feet or about the length of a football field, from the premises.
- Call National Fuel's gas emergency line **1-800-444-3130** or **9-1-1**.
- Provide National Fuel the exact location, including cross streets, and inform of any known work on your appliances or recent construction or digging nearby.

#### **DON'T**

- Turn any electrical switch on or off.
- Light any matches.

For gas emergencies, call 1-800-444-3130, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.





### Have a billing question?

If you have a billing question, issue or request, please call us Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Buffalo-area:** 1–716–686–6123 **All other areas:** 1–800–365–3234

Or visit <u>NationalFuel.com</u> for more information. If you need to meet with us in person, please call to schedule an appointment at one of our Customer Assistance Centers.

Customers with hearing or speech difficulties are able to communicate with us on electronic display (TTY or teletypewriter) and can have a relay call placed to us by calling **711**.

For more information, including translation services, please call **1-800-365-3234**.

Para más información, incluyendo servicios de traducción, por favor llame al

1-800-365-3234.



## **Less energy = Lower emissions**

At National Fuel, Fueling Tomorrow Today is helping customers reduce energy consumption. Not only do customers save money, but they help the environment by reducing emissions. Fueling Tomorrow Today is an initiative that focuses on advancing the development of a low carbon future and evolving the role natural gas plays in our everyday lives.

Learn more at <a href="FuelingTomorrowToday.com">FuelingTomorrowToday.com</a>

To help empower customers to make smarter decisions concerning energy solutions in the short- and long-term, National Fuel is offering incentives and rebates through specialized programs like the Conservation Incentive Program (CIP) to reduce greenhouse emissions through greater energy efficiency, as well as education and research to help customers make more informed energy decisions for their family or business.

# Residential Rebate Application Form is Now Available Online

Through the Conservation Incentive Program, customers in National Fuel's Western New York service area can receive a number of moneysaving rebates by installing new, energy-efficient natural gas appliances. These rebates are available through our online form at FuelingTomorrowToday.com

If you have submitted a rebate application and have questions about your application or the Fueling Tomorrow Today initiative, please call **1-877-285-7824** (residential) or

1-844-365-3493 (nonresidential).



# **Struggling to Pay Your Winter Heating Bills?**

We're here to help you weather any storm.

At National Fuel, we constantly strive to take care of our neighbors and the communities we serve. From energy affordability programs to payment plans and more, we're providing ways for eligible homes to maintain their energy needs throughout the winter:

Home Energy Affordability Program (HEAP) – This federal grant program helps income-eligible customers. You may be eligible to receive a grant of up to \$476. A family of four earning \$70,059 or less may qualify for assistance this year.

Funding is limited and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

To download your fast and easy application, go to **HEAPhelps.com**.

View the chart below to see if you qualify:

Household Size	Monthly Gross Income
1	\$3,035
2	\$3,970
3	\$4,904
4	\$5,838
5	\$6,772
6	\$7,706

Emergency HEAP – For qualified households that recently received a shutoff notice. If you received a regular HEAP benefit, you may call or visit your county office to apply for a \$400 emergency HEAP benefit.

Energy Affordability Program (EAP) – Provides monthly bill discounts on gas delivery charges ranging from \$3-\$23.36. Households who receive HEAP or another form of financial assistance from certain government or tribal programs may be eligible. Discounts are subject to change.

**Neighbor for Neighbor** – Provides qualified, low-income Western New Yorkers with help paying their heating bills, preventing disconnection of service and more. Qualifying customers may receive up to \$400 per program year. First-come, first-served.

**Budget Plan** – Plan ahead with a stabilized monthly bill for up to one year. This plan divides your estimated annual bill into either 10 or 12 payments.

**Deferred Payment Agreement** — If you are unable to make your payment, please call us as soon as possible. You may be asked to provide income information. Based on that, a deferred payment agreement may be made.

**AutoPay Payment Plan** — Automatically deduct your monthly payment from your checking or savings accounts on the bill due date. Never forget to pay your gas bill again!

#### Conservation Incentive Program (CIP)

- Provides rebates for installing highefficiency appliances in your home.

**Sealed** - In partnership with National Fuel, covers upfront costs for upgrades that improve home energy efficiency through weatherization, climate control and more.

For more details about each of these programs, visit: **WeatherAnyStorm.com** 





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## **Important Gas Safety Reminders**

This winter, make sure your home isn't only warm, but also safe!

#### **Carbon Monoxide Safety**

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless and dangerous gas. It's released when appliances that use natural gas aren't working properly. Prevent carbon monoxide poisoning and learn the symptoms.

# Following our CO Safety Checklist can keep your family safe.

- Have your chimney, appliances and heating equipment inspected and tested by a qualified professional annually.
- Install ventless heaters in accordance with manufacturer specifications and at least one CO detector in your home.
- Clear snow and ice from appliance exhaust and intake air vents.
- Keep vents and flues free of debris.

#### Follow these CO safety tips:

- Never rely on CO detectors as a substitute for maintaining appliances, heating equipment or chimneys.
- Never use a gas oven or stovetop for heating.
- Never use ventless heaters as a primary heating source.
- Never run gasoline engines (such as gas generators) or automobiles in an enclosed space.
- Never use a portable charcoal or propane grill indoors.

#### **Know CO poisioning symptoms:**

- Fatigue
- Coughing
- Headache
- Irregular breathing
- Dizziness
- Overall paleness
- Nausea
- Cherry red lips and ears

Keep CO Safety top of mind. If you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning, go outside immediately. Then call 911.

To learn more about and download our CO Safety Checklist, visit **cosafety.info** or scan the QR code below with a smartphone.



# Pay Attention to Outdoor Gas Meters, Furnaces and Vents

Natural gas furnaces and fireplaces have a vent pipe or flue that sends exhaust and gaseous byproducts outside via a chimney or pipe. Furnace exhaust vents can become clogged by debris, ice or snow, causing the furnace to shut off or operate inefficiently. Blocked vents can also lead to buildup of carbon monoxide inside a residence.

#### **Natural Gas Detectors**

Like smoke and CO detectors, natural gas detectors are available and will sound an audible alarm or voice alert when a natural gas leak is detected. When gas is detected, leave the premises immediately and call National Fuel's emergency line, 1-800-444-3130, or 9-1-1 from a safe distance, approximately 330 feet away (about the length of a football field). Natural gas detectors are available at home improvement stores and online.

#### **Be Mindful of Wintery Conditions**

Snow, ice and extreme cold temperatures can pose a variety of issues for heating systems. Ensure outdoor gas meter safety and proper service by:

- Keeping the meter and surrounding area free of snow.
- Clearing paths to the meter.
- Informing those working, plowing or snow blowing of the meter location.
- Not letting children play on the meter.
- Exercising caution when removing icicles on the meter or area above it.
- Calling National Fuel, 1-800-365-3234, if a meter becomes encased in ice.

#### **Utility Scams**

Customers are reminded that

- National Fuel employees DO NOT conduct door-to-door sales. Any salesperson wearing a hard hat, another article of clothing, or accessories commonly associated with utility employees is not likely a National Fuel Employee.
- National Fuel employees DO NOT visit homes to view gas bills, sign agreements, or discuss account matters unless related to collections.
- National Fuel employees **DO** visit homes for operational purposes, including meter reading, construction work and gas emergencies.
   Employees carry identification cards and will produce them without resistance if asked.

# Helpful Tips to Lower Energy Usage

### **Energy Efficiency Tips**

Making small and inexpensive adjustments in your home can help to reduce emissions in the atmosphere and put a little more money in your pocket.



• Reduce air leaks — Use caulk or weather-stripping to seal leaks around floors, walls, ceilings, ducts, fireplaces, plumbing, doors, windows, fans, vents and outlets.



• Lower the thermostat — Turn back your thermostat by 10°-15°. Programmable thermostats allow you to automatically turn down the temperature.



Change or clean air filters

— Cleaning furnace air filters once a month during the heating season helps it to "breathe" more easily and consume less energy.



 Control warm airflow — As heat rises, use registers to direct warm airflow across the floor. Close vents and doors in unused rooms and dampers on unused fireplaces to keep warm air where you want it.



 Reflect heat - If radiators are located near cold walls, place a sheet of aluminum foil between the radiator and the wall to reflect heat into the room.



• **Use sunlight** - Open curtains and blinds to let in direct sunlight, but close them at night or on cloudy days.

## Notice of Proposed Rate Change for New York

National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation has filed a request with the New York State Public Service Commission that if approved would increase the bill of the average residential customer on the budget plan by approximately \$11.31, to \$93.98 per month, assuming normal weather.

#### **Learn more**

To access more information, visit <u>www.NationalFuel.com</u> or scan the QR code with a smartphone.



# **Enroll in Online Account Services**

Securely and conveniently manage your account online. Pay your gas bill, set up automatic payments, view billing and payment history, sign up for budget billing and even submit meter readings.

National Fuel's online bill pay portal is managed by Invoice Cloud. Invoice Cloud provides customers a fast, easy and safe way to pay bills online. Convenience fees may apply.

Save yourself time and help the environment by enrolling in online account services today.

**Enroll in online billing** by scanning the QR code with a smartphone.

Questions? Learn more: NationalFuel.com/BillPayPortal



Reliability, meet affordability.

Hybrid home heating with cooling

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