

## Dollars and Sense

### A smart decision that can really pay off

Choosing natural gas for your home is a decision that can really pay off. Illinois homeowners could **save up to 76% on their energy bills** by switching to natural gas heating and water heating from other energy sources. And when you consider that heating and water heating typically make up two of the largest energy expenses for your home, it just makes sense to better understand how much you can save with natural gas.



### Switching makes sense

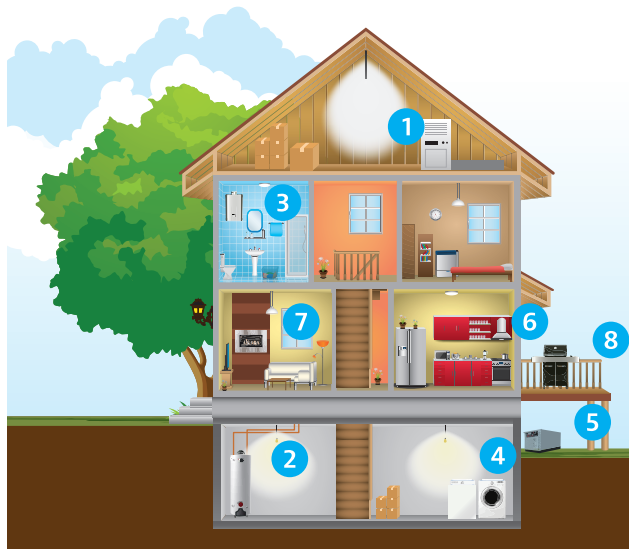
- **Natural gas is clean**  
Producing **30% fewer carbon emissions** than heating oil and 40% fewer than an all electric home.
- **Natural gas is reliable**  
An underground pipeline system provides a continuous supply, so no worries about running out or the need to refill tanks.
- **Natural gas is affordable**  
The more than **100-year supply of natural gas** right here in North America helps to keep rates low.

### Switch to Save\*

- The average household that uses natural gas for heating, cooking and clothes drying can **save as much as \$1,487 per year** compared to homes using propane for those appliances.
- Annual energy costs for residential customers using natural gas have been lower than the cost for propane, fuel oil or electricity since 2010 - and it's projected to stay low through 2050.

**\* Above estimates based on:**

Typical residential usage in Nicor Gas territory. Natural gas price – Nicor Gas average monthly residential distributed price from February 2021 – January 2024. Propane price – Midwest three year average of monthly retail prices from February 2021 – January 2024 - \$2.22/ gallon – Source: EIA. Electric price – Illinois residential three year average of monthly retail prices from February 2021 – January 2024 - \$0.15063/kWh – Source: EIA. Assumed unit conversions: 1 CCF = 100 cubic feet. 1 cubic foot = 1,036 BTUs. Conversion factor of 1.036 has been used to convert CCFs to therms. 1 gallon propane = 91,452 BTU. 1 kWh of electricity = 3,412 BTU. All EIA prices stated above are considered to be total prices paid by end-user consumers inclusive of customer service charges, delivery, commodity, demand of other charges. Source: EIA. Energy cost only. Does not include equipment, installation or maintenance costs. Cost and savings information above are estimates and are for illustration purposes and are subject to change. Actual savings may vary based on usage and rates. Nicor Gas makes no warranty or guarantee of savings.



There are many ways to add comfort to your whole home with natural gas!



### 1. Furnace

- Delivers dependable warmth and comfort with **efficiencies of up to 96%**
- Enhanced comfort with heat that is up to **25 degrees warmer** than from an electric heat pump



### 2. Tank water heater

- Heats water faster with no need for electricity
- Storage capacities from **30-100 gallons**; quick heating with less cost



### 3. Tankless water heater

- Provides an endless supply of instant hot water
- No more storing hot water that is not needed



### 4. Clothes dryer

- Delivers more heat, which lowers your drying time, reducing operating costs and extending the life of your clothes
- More location choices and lower installation costs due to flexible piping



### 5. Standby generator

- No power? No problem! Natural gas generators provide back-up power when the electricity goes out
- Provides power to several appliances or the whole home with quiet, safe operation



### 6. Range

- Instant on and off with easy clean-up provides ultimate convenience
- Precise temperature control makes it the preferred choice of professional chefs



### 7. Natural gas fireplace/fire pit

- Ambiance with exceptional comfort and no mess
- Extensive selection of realistic-looking logs available with adjustable flame, remote control starting and thermostats



### 8. Natural gas grill

- Convenient, year-round cooking with no charcoal mess or tank exchange
- Flexible piping installation provides more options in grill location

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