

## Maximize **YOUR** energy savings

**According to the American Gas Association, natural gas is three times more efficient than electricity when delivered to homes and businesses.**

- The average U.S. home uses one-third less natural gas than in 1980.
- 90% of the energy content of natural gas reaches customers whereas less than 30% of the energy used to generate electricity remains usable.

### **More energy tips to help you save**

- Have your heating systems thoroughly inspected annually by a licensed contractor.
- Caulk and weather-strip windows and doors that leak air.
- To help keep cold air out, use plastic sheeting installed on the inside of your windows.
- Set thermostats comfortably low in the winter and comfortably high in the summer. Consider installing a programmable thermostat.
- Check dampers in unused fireplaces, close if open.
- Check the temperature on your water heater and set it to Warm or Low, never more than 120 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Wash full loads of laundry in cold water, using specially formulated cold-water detergents.
- Look for the *Energy Star* label when buying new appliances.

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Gas**

## **Energy Assistance**

If you are having trouble paying your gas bill, call us at **703-750-1000** as soon as possible. The sooner you call, the better chance we have of helping you.

## **Budget Plan**

Customers who qualify can take advantage of the opportunity to spread the cost of winter heating over the entire year and lessen the impact of typically higher winter energy bills. For more information visit **washingtongas.com**. Call **703-750-7944** to enroll.

## **Customer Choice**

Through the program, customers may purchase natural gas from the licensed energy supply company they choose, or from Washington Gas. Participation is voluntary and could result in savings. Learn more at **washingtongas.com** and click on **Customer Choice**.

## **Helpful Energy Resources**

DOE: **eere.energy.gov** or **1-877-337-3463**

Alliance to Save Energy: **ase.org**

## **Government Energy Assistance**

Eligibility for most government energy assistance programs depends on family size and income.

## **D.C. Energy Hotline**

**202-673-6750** | **ddoe.dc.gov**

## **Maryland Department of Human Resources**

**1-800-352-1446** | **dhr.state.md.us/meap**

## **Virginia Department of Social Services**

**1-800-230-6977** | **dss.virginia.gov** | **703-750-7944**

## **Washington Gas:**

**703-750-1000**

## **Frederick, MD**

**301-662-2151**

## **Shenandoah, VA**

**540-869-1111; 800-566-7436**

## **If You Smell Gas:**

**911** or **703-750-1400** | **washingtongas.com**



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