

Natural Gas is Greener Than You Think

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As our customer, you're already familiar with the benefits of natural gas: fast, dependable and economical. Did you know that natural gas is also greener than you think? The benefits of natural gas go beyond reliability and affordability. It is clean, efficient and domestically abundant. That's why it is considered the energy solution to secure a greener tomorrow for our children.

CLEAN.

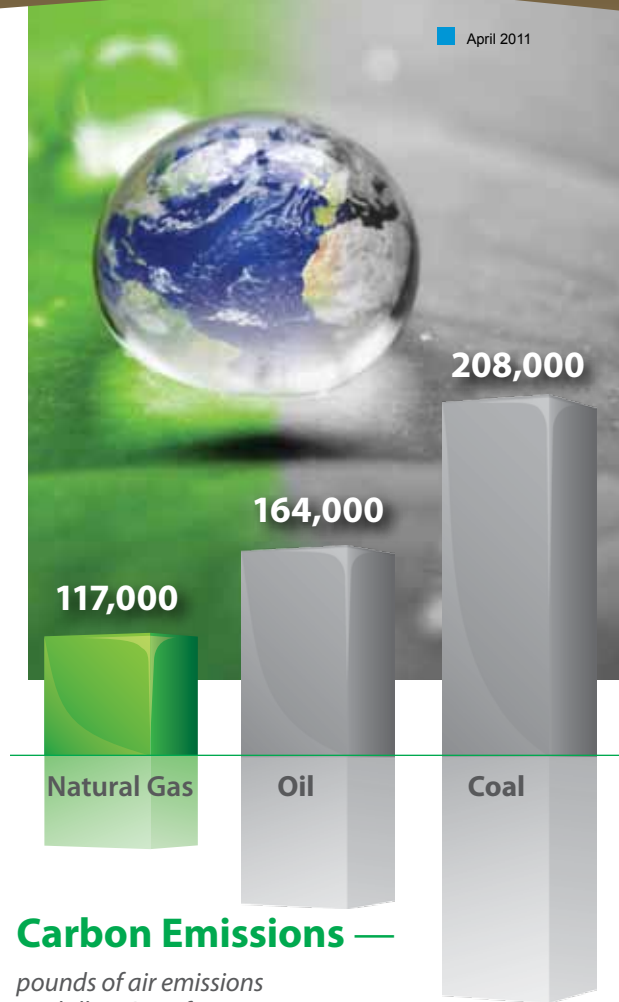
Natural gas is the cleanest fossil fuel, emitting less greenhouse gases than coal or oil.

EFFICIENT.

Natural gas is a high-density energy that works harder with less waste. More than 90% of natural gas produced at the source is delivered to your home, compared to only 30% of source energy that goes into generating electricity.

DOMESTICALLY ABUNDANT.

99% of natural gas is produced right here in North America. This plentiful, domestic resource will meet our nation's needs for at least another 100 years.



Carbon Emissions —

pounds of air emissions per billion Btu of energy

Source: Energy Information Administration



Take Time To Save Money

Thinking of hiring contractors? It may save you money and stress in the long run when you spend time now to choose a contractor licensed to perform the type of work you need. Contact your state contractor's board, the Better Business Bureau and local trade associations for helpful information.

If you are looking for plumbing, heating and cooling, or insulation contractors, our Energy Specialists can direct you to a licensed contractor on our referral program. Visit www.swgas.com or call 1-800-654-2765.



National Volunteer Week April 10-16, 2011

Join us in celebrating National Volunteer Week by taking the step to help others build a better and greener future for our communities. We are proud of our employee volunteers who feed the hungry, build energy-efficient homes for the homeless, and renovate parks and playgrounds for our children.

Find out how you can volunteer in your community by visiting www.volunteermatch.org and take action to make a difference!

How Green is Your BBQ?

The Southwest enjoys outdoor grilling and so does the rest of America! That's why nearly 74 million households nationwide own at least one barbecue grill. Choosing the right grill can make you greener than you think. Natural gas grills are the most environmentally-friendly choice, emitting the least amount of greenhouse gases. Enjoy the outdoors while leaving a smaller carbon footprint.

Charcoal BBQs:

- ▶ Emit 11 pounds of carbon dioxide each hour
- ▶ Have longer pre-heating times (up to 30 minutes)
- ▶ Are messier, require more clean up
- ▶ Can flare up or burn out during cooking

Liquid Propane BBQs:

- ▶ Emit less than 6 pounds of carbon dioxide each hour
- ▶ Store fuel in heavy tanks
- ▶ Are more expensive to operate
- ▶ Can run out of fuel during cooking

Natural Gas BBQs:

- ▶ Emit less than 6 pounds of carbon dioxide each hour
- ▶ Have shorter pre-heating times (average 15 minutes)
- ▶ Offer convenience by not having to store tanks
- ▶ Eliminate worries about running out of fuel



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