



Natural Gas Matters

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'Tis the Season to Be Giving



The holidays are a special time to spread joy and give gifts to friends and family. This year, why not spread some joy to those in need by giving to *Share The Warmth*? It's a special way to help those in your community who might face difficulties paying their energy bills.

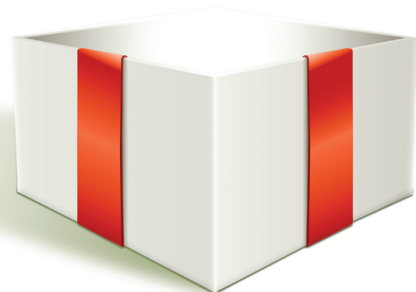
Share The Warmth is a partnership between Oklahoma Natural Gas and The Salvation Army that provides energy assistance. It helps Oklahomans facing financial emergencies pay their home-heating costs throughout the winter. *Share The Warmth* is available to residents of communities served by Oklahoma Natural Gas and helps provide relief for those in need.

The program helps senior citizens, individuals with disabilities and those whose immediate financial resources simply cannot cover their home-heating expenses. All applications for aid are processed through The Salvation Army. Payments are made directly to the utility or fuel supplier on behalf of the person receiving aid. Donations cover the cost of any home-heating fuel, not just natural gas. It makes no difference – the goal is to keep people warm.

Giving Is Easy: You may contribute by adding an extra amount to your natural gas bill payment and checking the *Share The Warmth* box on your payment coupon. You also may designate a fixed amount to be added to your monthly bill.



Please join us as we help keep families warm this winter by adding your gift to *Share The Warmth*.



Stay Safe in Snow and Sleet



The accumulation of snow and ice increases the potential for damage to natural gas meters, regulators and other above-ground pipeline facilities. Snow and ice should be cleared from exhaust and combustion air vents of natural gas appliances to keep them operating smoothly and prevent carbon monoxide from entering homes and other structures. Extreme care should be taken when removing ice or snow from such vents: when possible, use a broom instead of a shovel to avoid damage, and never stand or climb on unsafe ground or surfaces to reach vents.

Always remember, if you smell a pungent or rotten egg-like odor in or around your home, in your neighborhood or at work, it may be the result of a natural gas leak. Leave the area immediately and call 911 or Oklahoma Natural Gas from a telephone away from the area: 1-800-458-4251.



The Gift That Keeps On Giving

Looking for a gift the whole family can enjoy? Why not a natural gas appliance, complete with a rebate! The Oklahoma Natural Gas Energy-Efficiency Program offers rebates on natural gas clothes dryers, ranges, water heaters and furnaces, so you can purchase a brand new appliance without breaking the bank.



Since natural gas is the most efficient choice for home appliances, this really is the gift that keeps on giving: you'll see savings on your energy bill month after month. And it's a gift to the environment, too – natural gas is the cleaner, greener choice.

Find out more about our Energy-Efficiency Program at www.oklahomanaturalgas.com/rebates.

Hot Cranberry Punch

Ingredients:

- 1 tea bag
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1 cup cranberry juice cocktail
- 3 cups apple cider or unsweetened apple juice
- 1 cinnamon stick, cracked
- 4 whole cloves
- 4 allspice berries
- 1 strip orange peel, about 2 inches long and ½-inch wide
- 4 thin orange slices (optional)
- 4 cinnamon sticks (optional)

Directions:

1. Place the tea bag in a mug, add the boiling water, steep for 5 minutes and remove the tea bag.
2. In a saucepan, combine the cranberry juice cocktail, apple cider, cinnamon stick, cloves, allspice and orange peel and bring to a boil over a medium flame. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 15 minutes. Remove saucepan from heat and add the prepared tea to the saucepan.
3. Strain the punch into 4 mugs and garnish each drink with an orange slice and cinnamon stick, if desired. Serves 4.



Amount per serving: Calories: 127; Fat: 0; Carbohydrates: 26 g.; Sodium: 9 mg.