



# Natural Gas Matters

IDEAS AND INSIGHTS FROM YOUR NATURAL GAS SERVICE PROVIDER



## Use Your Senses

We all play a role in natural gas safety. Oklahoma Natural Gas ensures the delivery of clean, safe and reliable natural gas to your home or business by maintaining our pipeline system through extensive inspection and monitoring programs. As a customer, you can play a part by using your senses to recognize a potential natural gas leak.

### How to Recognize a Natural Gas Leak



- **LOOK:** If you're near a natural gas pipeline and you see dirt or water blowing in the air or continuous bubbling from standing water, this could be a sign of a leak.
- **LISTEN:** Do you hear a hissing or roaring sound near a pipeline? This may be an indication of a leak.
- **SMELL:** An additive called mercaptan is used to give natural gas its distinct sulfur- or rotten-egg-like odor. This pungent smell is a warning sign of a possible leak.
- **CALL:** If you suspect a natural gas leak, **leave the area** and avoid doing anything that could create a spark. Warn others to stay away and immediately call 911 or Oklahoma Natural Gas at 1-800-458-4251.

For more information about natural gas pipeline safety, visit [www.oklahomanaturalgas.com](http://www.oklahomanaturalgas.com), and click on the "Safety" tab.

## Rebate Alert!

# Have You Had Your Heating System Checkup?

Each year as the temperatures drop, it's important to make sure your heating system is operating safely and efficiently with a heating system checkup. Through the Oklahoma Natural Gas Energy-Efficiency Program, customers can receive a \$30-rebate for having a qualified technician perform a natural gas heating system checkup.

To be eligible for the heating system checkup rebate, you must have an Oklahoma-licensed contractor complete our 26-Point Heating System Checklist, which can be found on our website. This list covers 26 tasks that the contractor will complete during the checkup, including:



- ✓ **CLEAN AND CHECK GAS BURNERS** – To ensure smooth ignition, burner flames are observed for proper height, color and alignment of burning.
- ✓ **CHECK GAS INPUT** – Proper pressure is required to control fuel input to the furnace burners. If too low, the safety equipment does not operate properly, and it also takes too long to heat the home. If too high, it can damage the equipment.
- ✓ **CHECK TEMPERATURE RISE** – By checking the actual degrees of temperature rise throughout your system, the technician can determine if the furnace is heating the home properly.
- ✓ **TEST FOR CARBON MONOXIDE** – The technician will test to make sure that this harmful gas is not present in the home.
- ✓ **ADVISE CUSTOMER OF RESULTS OF CHECK** – When finished, the technician will let the customer know the current condition of the heating system.

For more information, visit [www.oklahomanaturalgas.com/rebates](http://www.oklahomanaturalgas.com/rebates).

## Sweet Potatoes with Apples

### Ingredients:

1 tbsp. plus 1 tsp. unsalted butter  
 3 sweet potatoes ( 1 lb.), peeled and sliced ¼ inch thick  
 1 large Red Delicious apple, cored and sliced thin  
 1 tbsp. light brown sugar  
 A pinch of ground nutmeg

### Directions:

1. Preheat natural gas oven to 375 degrees. Grease a 9-inch pie pan with 1 tsp. of butter. Lay the sweet potato and apple slices in the pan in a circle, alternating and overlapping the slices.
2. Mix the brown sugar and nutmeg together and sprinkle over the potatoes and apples; dot with the remaining butter.
3. Cover the pan with aluminum foil and bake for 30 minutes. Uncover and bake 10 to 15 minutes longer or until the potatoes are tender when pierced with a fork. Serves 4.



Amount per serving: Calories: 169; Fat: 4 g.; Carbohydrates: 43 g.; Protein: 2 g.; Fiber: 3 g.