



# Natural Gas Matters

IDEAS AND INSIGHTS FROM YOUR NATURAL GAS SERVICE PROVIDER



## Have You Seen Us in Your Yard?

From time to time, you might peek out your window and see an Oklahoma Natural Gas technician in your yard. Don't worry - they are there for your safety! Every so often, our technicians may need to access your yard to check pipelines, make repairs or take meter readings.

We are required by federal and state regulations to periodically survey our pipelines. To do that, our employees must have direct access to our pipelines and equipment, which may be buried in your yard. An above-ground leak survey will typically take only a few minutes, and because it does not require access inside the home, you may not even notice it has been done. These quick checks help ensure that our systems are operating properly and safely.



Oklahoma Natural Gas employees also may need access to your yard when you have a scheduled appointment. Performing the following actions can help make for a quick and easy appointment:

- Leave your gate or fence unlocked so the technician can access your natural gas meter.
- Be available to grant our technician access to your home if this has been requested.
- Ensure that all pets are secured in a safe place away from the technician.

Remember, never let a stranger into your home without asking for identification. Our employees always carry company-issued identification cards. If you are ever uncertain why an employee wants to enter your home, or if you'd like to confirm an employee's identity, give us a call at 1-800-664-5463 and press "0" to speak with a representative.

You can play a role in keeping meters and pipelines safe, too. Be sure to keep your meter clear of any obstructions or debris, and avoid planting trees or large shrubs near your meter. And remember to always call 811 at least two full business days before you dig to have underground utility lines marked.

For more information about natural gas safety, visit [www.oklahomanaturalgas.com](http://www.oklahomanaturalgas.com).



## 811 AWARENESS VISA GIFT CARD DRAWING



April is National Safe Digging Month and Oklahoma Natural Gas is celebrating by giving you the opportunity to win a Visa gift card through our Facebook page! Throughout April, be sure to visit the Oklahoma Natural Gas Facebook page to see how you could be the lucky winner of a \$100 Visa Gift Card.

Find more details and read the official rules at [www.facebook.com/oklahomanaturalgas](http://www.facebook.com/oklahomanaturalgas) or [www.oklahomanaturalgas.com](http://www.oklahomanaturalgas.com).

## Make the Natural Choice for Saving Energy

When you use natural gas, you're making a responsible choice for the environment. That's because natural gas is the cleanest-burning fossil fuel, and homes that use natural gas instead of electricity for cooking, clothes drying and space and water heating can reduce their carbon footprint by up to 30 percent.



Natural gas is an efficient choice, too. Ninety-two percent of natural gas is delivered to your home as energy, compared with only 32 percent for electricity. Less energy lost during delivery means less waste, and that's good news for the environment.

Next time you take a hot shower or light that blue flame on your natural gas range, you can feel good knowing it's fueled by the cleaner, greener fuel.

## Saving Energy = Saving Money with our Energy-Efficiency Program

Save money with a new high-efficiency natural gas furnace. Not only will you see savings each month on your energy bill, but you'll also see savings with a rebate from Oklahoma Natural Gas. Our Energy-Efficiency Program offers rebates of up to \$1,950 for replacing your current heating system with a high-efficiency system.

If you're in the market for a new heating system, be sure to take advantage of one of these great rebates:

- **\$150 Rebate** - 92% to 94.9% Efficient Natural Gas Furnace
- **\$550 Rebate** - 95% Efficient Natural Gas Furnace
- **\$1,950 Rebate** - Electric to Natural Gas Furnace Conversion

Learn more and find applications for our heating system replacement program at [www.oklahomanaturalgas.com/rebates](http://www.oklahomanaturalgas.com/rebates).



## Banana Walnut Bread

### Ingredients:

2 cups all-purpose flour  
 1 teaspoon baking soda  
 1/4 teaspoon salt  
 1/4 cup butter  
 1/8 cup nonfat plain yogurt  
 3/4 cup brown sugar  
 2 eggs, beaten  
 2 1/3 cups mashed overripe bananas  
 1/2 cup toasted walnut pieces

### Directions:

1. Preheat natural gas oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly grease 9x5-inch loaf pan.
2. Combine flour, baking soda and salt in large bowl. Set aside.
3. Beat butter, yogurt and brown sugar with electric mixer until light and fluffy. Add eggs one at a time. Stir in mashed bananas until well blended.
4. Pour banana mixture into flour mixture; stir just to moisten. Fold in toasted walnuts.
5. Transfer batter into prepared loaf pan and bake in preheated oven for 60-65 minutes, until a toothpick inserted into center of loaf comes out clean. Let cool in pan for 10 minutes, and then turn out onto wire rack to cool completely.

*Recipe adapted from [www.allrecipes.com](http://www.allrecipes.com).*