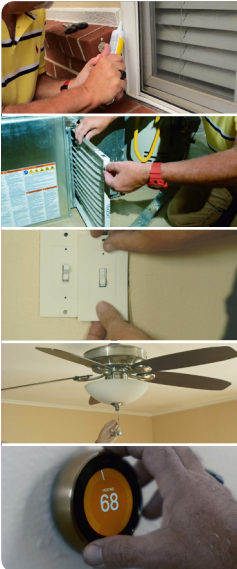




5 EASY WAYS TO SAVE MONEY AND CONSERVE ENERGY



Winter is almost here, and that means we'll all be spending even more time indoors. To make sure you stay warm and cozy throughout those chilly days and nights, take some time to get your home ready for winter. There are a few simple steps you can take to help make your home warm and energy-efficient – keeping you comfortable while saving you money on your energy bills.



1. **Apply weather-stripping and caulk** to seal any gaps or cracks around windows and doors to stop air leaks and prevent energy loss.
2. **Clean or replace the filters** on your air conditioning and heating units, which will help your system run more efficiently and can lower your energy consumption by 5% to 15%.
3. **Install inexpensive foam gaskets** to seal your electrical switches and outlets, which can account for up to 10% of your home's energy loss.
4. **Set your ceiling fans to operate in reverse** (clockwise) to push warm air down and save energy, keeping you comfortable while you're in the room. This simple step could help you save up to 10% on your heating bills.
5. **Use a programmable thermostat** or turn down the temperature when you are away from home to reduce energy consumption – you can save as much as 10% a year on heating costs by simply turning your thermostat back 7°-10° for 8 hours a day.

Customers can also reduce the fluctuation of their monthly natural gas bill by enrolling in our Average Payment Plan. The program reduces the volatility of seasonal energy expenses by spreading out the cost throughout the year based on a 12-month rolling bill average, allowing your bills to be relatively stable from month to month. Additionally, the Oklahoma Natural Gas Energy Efficiency Program offers rebates on energy-efficient natural gas heating systems, water heaters, clothes dryers and ranges. Start saving today at OklahomaNaturalGas.com/rebates.

For more energy saving tips, go to OklahomaNaturalGas.com/savingtips.



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Carbon Monoxide Safety Tips

Carbon monoxide, sometimes called CO, is an odorless, colorless and tasteless gas that can make you sick and, under some circumstances, may be deadly. CO is created when fuel does not burn completely – sources may include improperly vented or malfunctioning appliances, auto exhaust and blocked chimney flues. Here are some tips to help reduce your CO exposure:

- Install a carbon monoxide detector in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- Check and maintain proper ventilation of your appliances and chimney flue.
- Clean or replace your heating system's filters regularly.
- Make sure the air intake areas near appliances are clear of obstructions.
- Never start your car, lawn mower, generator or any combustion engine in a closed garage.
- Avoid operating a natural gas or propane grill in an enclosed area.
- Pay attention to the color of the flame on your natural gas appliances. A yellow flame instead of a blue one is a warning sign that the appliance is not operating or vented properly.

For more information and additional safety tips, visit OklahomaNaturalGas.com/carbonmonoxide.

Find Hot Savings On A Natural Gas Furnace

The weather is cooling down, and now is the time to purchase a new home heating system to make sure you stay warm and cozy on those cold winter nights. You can save big money on a new natural gas furnace through our Energy Efficiency Program!



Rebates available for new natural gas furnaces include:

- \$550** for the installation of a 95%+ efficient natural gas furnace or boiler
- \$1,950** for replacing an electric resistance furnace with a natural gas furnace
- \$1,950** for replacing an electric heat pump with a natural gas furnace and air conditioner
- \$2,500** for replacing an electric resistance furnace with a 95%+ efficient natural gas furnace
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With natural gas, these rebates are just the beginning of the savings you'll see. Efficient natural gas furnaces will bring you lower energy bills, creating savings well into the future.

Find out more at OklahomaNaturalGas.com/rebates.

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Recipe of the Month



ROASTED BUTTERNUT SQUASH

Ingredients

- 1 butternut squash – peeled, seeded, and cut into 1-inch cubes
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- salt and ground black pepper to taste

Directions

1. Preheat your natural gas oven to 400 degrees F.
2. Toss butternut squash with olive oil and garlic in a large bowl. Season with salt and black pepper. Arrange coated squash evenly on a baking sheet.
3. Roast until squash is tender and lightly browned, about 25 to 30 minutes.

