

P the Citizens PIPELINE

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Performance Makes Natural Gas Preferred Home Fuel

Seven-out-of-ten new homeowners prefer the comfort and convenience of clean-burning natural gas because it performs far better in home uses than other energy sources like electricity.

Heat

- **Gas heat is warmer and more comfortable.** - A natural gas furnace provides heat that's 20-40 degrees warmer than an electric heat pump, which typically produces cool to lukewarm air at the heat register. So a home heated with gas will feel warmer than one heated with an electric heat pump.
- **Natural gas furnaces often last twice as long as electric heat pumps.** - Because they operate year-round for heating and cooling, electric heat pumps typically must be replaced in 10-12 years. By contrast, natural gas furnaces often last about 20 years.
- **Natural gas furnaces work better with a set-back or programmable thermostat than electric heat pumps.** - With a natural gas furnace you can turn down your heat when you're gone and when you return, the gas furnace will heat your home to a comfortable temperature much quicker than an electric heat pump that produces cool to lukewarm air.



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Cooking

- **9-out-of-10 chefs prefer natural gas stoves over electric.** - Gas stoves provide instant control of heat. So unlike an electric stove where you often must remove a pot of boiling water from the burner to prevent a mess, natural gas allows you to instantly reduce the heat.

Water Heating

- **Unlike electric water heaters, natural gas provides hot water when you need it.** - So when someone in your family takes a long hot shower, the next person in the shower doesn't have to worry about a sudden rush of ice

cold water like they would if the family had an electric water heater.

Clothes Dryers

- Natural gas clothes dryers dry clothes faster and for less money than electric clothes dryers.

Rebates Available


- For more information about the advantages of natural gas, including rebates for conversions, go to citizensgas.com.



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New 811 Call Before You Dig Phone Number



Citizens Gas would like to remind residents to call the new **811** phone number to have utility lines marked before they dig a hole or engage in any earth-moving activity.

Residents should remember that natural gas pipelines, electric power lines, communications lines, and other utility services could be within a few feet of the surface and are not always located near the street. Homeowners are required by law to call 811 at least two working days before

they plan to dig anywhere on their property. This will give the utility companies time to locate and mark all of the underground lines and pipes, to prevent damage to property. There is no charge for this service. Here are the steps needed for a smooth digging project:

1. Outline project with white paint
2. Call the Indiana Underground Plant Protection Service at **811**
3. Know your county and township where you are digging
4. Provide the name and phone number of the person digging (if not you)
5. Give the utility companies time to respond (two or more days)

Join Citizens Gas at Black Expo's Summer Celebration

Please join Citizens Gas at the 37th Annual Summer Celebration! With new and exciting events and activities, there is something for all ages. From Kids' World, to the Teen Zone, the Cultural Arts Pavilion featuring the Spirit of Senegal and The Philosophy of Nelson Mandela, and the Music Heritage Festival Concert featuring Erykah Badu and Anthony Hamilton, you'll never say..." there is nothing for me to do." Don't forget the WhiteLies.tv Free Concert featuring The O'Jays, Atlantic Starr and Peabo Bryson. Family packages and Teen Bling bundles are available at the Indiana Black Expo box office. For info visit www.indianablackexpo.com or call 317-925-2702.



Budget Payment Plan Evens Out Heating Costs

Now is a good time to begin preparing for winter heating bills by enrolling in the Citizens Gas Budget Plan. When you join the Budget Plan, you can pay the same amount each month to help spread out the cost of winter heating. For Budget Plan eligibility information call 924-3311.

Lemon Bread Pudding

Ingredients:

- 1 loaf Challah or Sabbath bread, cut into 2-inch pieces
- 6 eggs, beaten
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 1 cup light brown sugar, loosely packed
- 2 lemons, zested
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Whipped cream, for garnish
- 1/2 cup blueberries, for garnish
- Powdered sugar, for garnish
- Preheat the oven to 350 degrees

Directions:

1. Put bread cubes into large bowl.
2. Mix eggs, cream, brown sugar, zest and vanilla together; pour over bread.
3. Mix well and let sit for a minimum of 15 minutes.
4. Butter a casserole dish and pour the mixture into the casserole.
5. Bake until the center is slightly firm to the touch, about 30 minutes.
6. Remove and serve warm, topped with whipped cream, blueberries, and powdered sugar.

