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ENERGY SAVING TIPS

USE YOUR WINDOWS TO KEEP OUT HEAT

- Install window coverings to prevent heat gain through your windows during the day.

OPERATE YOUR THERMOSTAT EFFICIENTLY

- Set your thermostat at a temperature you find comfortable and that provides humidity control, if needed. The smaller the difference between the indoor and outdoor temperatures, the lower your overall cooling bill will be.
- Keep your house warmer than normal when you are away, and lower the thermostat setting when you return home and need cooling. A programmable thermostat allows you to do this automatically and without sacrificing comfort.
- Avoid setting your thermostat at a colder setting than normal when you first turn on your air conditioner. It will not cool your home any faster and could result in excessive cooling and unnecessary expense.

USE FANS AND VENTILATION STRATEGIES TO COOL YOUR HOME

- Turn off ceiling fans when you leave the room. Remember that fans cool people, not rooms, by creating a wind chill effect.
- When you shower or take a bath, use the bathroom fan to remove heat and humidity from your home. Your laundry room might also benefit from spot ventilation. Make sure bathroom and kitchen fans are vented to the outside (not just to the attic).

KEEP YOUR COOLING SYSTEM RUNNING EFFICIENTLY

- For maximum energy affordability, schedule regular maintenance for your cooling equipment.
- Learn about operating and maintaining your air conditioner, evaporative cooler, or heat pump.
- Avoid placing lamps or TV sets near your room air-conditioning thermostat. The thermostat senses heat from these appliances, which can cause the air conditioner to run longer than necessary.
- Vacuum your air intake vents regularly to remove any dust buildup. Ensure that furniture and other objects are not blocking the airflow through your registers.

CONSIDER A RANGE OF APPLIANCES AND LIGHTING OPTIONS

- Consider lighting options that operate at cooler temperatures.
- If convenient, take advantage of daylight instead of artificial lighting, but avoid direct sunlight.
- Wash full loads of dishes and clothes for better efficiency.

KEEP HOT AIR FROM LEAKING INTO YOUR HOME

- Seal cracks and openings to prevent warm air from leaking into your home.
- Add caulk or weatherstripping to seal air leaks around doors and windows..

LOWER YOUR WATER HEATING COSTS

- Water heating accounts for about 18% of the energy consumed in your home.

Winter Operations Packets Coming Soon

IMGA is providing Winter Operations Packets to all of our purchasing members. Packets will be mailed during the middle of October and will include a winter weather forecast, NYMEX settlement price graph, your community's annual usage graph, your percentage of fixed winter volumes graph, and your winter risk management price graph. We hope you will find this information useful when you are planning for future winters.

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Bethany, Illinois
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APGA PROMOTES 2022 PUBLIC NATURAL GAS WEEK October 2-8, 2022



Public Natural Gas Week (PNGW)

is a nationwide observance that offers the perfect opportunity to showcase public natural gas systems and generate enthusiasm about the benefits of public natural gas and natural gas use in general. This year, PNGW will be celebrated October 2-8, 2022.

We hope that all public natural gas systems and natural gas end use customers join in this nationwide observance to honor the work and importance of locally-owned public natural gas systems. The American Public Gas Association is here to assist with planning and promoting PNGW celebrations.

Following are some suggestions:

- Use your website and social networking sites to publicize the week.
- Celebrate PNGW with a customer appreciation day on your social media accounts. Offer national gas efficiency tips for your followers and prizes for those that interact with you online. Explain to attendees the importance of having a public natural gas system in their community and why natural gas is a responsible and affordable choice.
- Bring out your natural gas utility vehicles for a show-and-tell on your social media channels. Educate customers about the value of having NGVs in their community and particularly about the fuel-saving and environmental benefits.
- Explore opportunities to speak to local civic organizations about energy efficiency with natural gas appliances and the benefits of public gas
- Here is a link that discusses the benefit of public natural gas:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RtXGR0NgeqE>

Let's make 2022 Public Natural Gas Week one of the best yet!

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