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Five Reasons to Use NATURAL GAS for your Projects

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Natural gas prices are falling while electricity and oil prices are rising. **Natural gas costs nearly one-third of electricity on a per Btu basis.** Compare fuel costs to see why natural gas is the best energy value.

*Monthly Average Heating Cost Comparison - 8,000 cf for a typical user - Charlottesville, VA - April 2012*

3. **NATURAL GAS IS DOMESTIC & ABUNDANT**

Virtually all of the natural gas consumed in the United States comes from North America, and **89% is produced right here in the U.S.** With increased supply from the Marcellus shale and other shale formations across the country, prices are expected to remain low and stable compared to other sources of energy.
4. NATURAL GAS IS CLEANER

As the cleanest fossil fuel, natural gas emits fewer greenhouse gases than coal or oil. Natural gas also addresses a number of environmental concerns like smog and acid rain. When measured at the source, **natural gas appliances can lower a home’s carbon footprint by 43% over electric appliances!** It is a reliable fuel source combined with solar, wind, and other renewable energies.

5. NATURAL GAS IS PREFERRED & ADDS VALUE

71% of homeowners prefer natural gas for heating, 72% for water heating, and 75% for cooking. Overall, 74% of homeowners would recommend a natural gas home to friends¹. **The average price for a new home with natural gas adds 6% more than the average electric home².**


Quick Fact:
In the case of a power outage, gas ranges, fireplaces and standard tank water heaters operate even without electricity.

**GAS TEAM at YOUR SERVICE**

IT’S NEVER TOO EARLY TO CALL!
If you’re at the concept stage of your project, we want to hear from you. We can help you with gas utility design assistance and gas utility maps and easements process. By talking to us early, we can help you get the right gas service for your needs.

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