

## Natural Gas Energy Saving Tips

- Set your home's thermostat to the coolest level you can without making your rooms uncomfortable. The recommended average setting is 68 F. Heating bills can drop by up to 2% for every degree the thermostat is lowered.
- Seal up leak drafts around doors and windows with weather stripping, caulking, and door sweeps. Also, seal up any leaks or gaps in furnace ducts that extend through unheated basements or crawlspaces.
- Have your furnace inspected and tuned by an HVAC company every two to three years, and clean or replace air filters on your furnace every two months during the heating season. Your furnace will run more efficiently and use less energy.
- Set your water heater thermostat to 120° F. Lowering it from a higher setting will save you money.
- Take shorter showers, wash clothes in cold water, and don't over-dry clothing.
- Purchase high-efficient appliances. You may pay a little more but the money you will save on energy will more than pay for the extra cost of the appliance.
- Tank-less water heating is the most energy efficient way to heat water. It heats the water on demand, and you will not run out of hot water.
- Turn your thermostat down when you plan to be away on trips and vacation.



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# NATURAL GAS SAFETY

Step by Step  
Instructions  
if you smell gas

## Colorless and Invisible

Natural Gas is colorless and invisible. When it burns, it should appear as a **CLEAR, BLUE FLAME**. Because natural gas has no odor, a special chemical called “mercaptan” is added to make it easy to detect gas leaks from pipes or appliances. The odor is commonly described as a rotten egg smell.

Natural gas is clean burning. When burned completely, it produces only water vapor and carbon dioxide just as you do when you breathe. Natural gas is such a safe and dependable fuel that it's easy to take for granted. As with any source of energy, you should follow certain safety measures when using natural gas.



**Natural Gas**<sup>™</sup>  
Comfortable. Responsible.

## What to do if you smell gas

If you smell gas, have occupants exit the building **IMMEDIATELY** and call the City of Winder Natural Gas Department at 770-867-7629 or 770-867-7978.

While waiting for a City of Winder Utility Service Technician.....

- Don't try to locate the gas leak
- Keep everyone away from the area of the odor
- Leave doors open as you exit
- Don't turn lights on and off or unplug any electrical appliances
- Don't smoke or strike matches
- Don't use a telephone of any kind or any electrical equipment that might create a spark

Stay away from the location until it is declared safe to return by the City of Winder Utility Service Technician

## Dig Safely

Before you dig or excavate with mechanized equipment on your property, the law requires you to notify all utilities by calling 811 at least 48 hours in advance, excluding weekends & holidays, so underground lines can be located and clearly marked.



Know what's **below**.  
**Call before you dig.**