

You Have A Choice

Did you know that Energy Choice is available to Pennsylvania utility customers?

You do not have to purchase your natural gas from Peoples. The Energy Choice Program provides you the option of purchasing your natural gas from a state approved supplier. Visit My Account/Understand My Bill/Shop for Gas at peoples-gas.com for additional details, or visit the Pennsylvania Gas Switch website, pagasswitch.com, for a list of natural gas suppliers and current offers.

Landlord Automatic Transfer Program

Landlords – Did you know you can protect your rental property from gas shut-offs when tenants move out?



Download the form at peoples-gas.com under the Get Gas/Start or Stop Service section. When you enroll in this program, Peoples will automatically transfer the natural gas account into your name when a tenant requests a gas shut-off at the rental property, and the service will remain in your name until a new tenant requests service. A nominal fee may apply to the transfer. Call us for more information.

New Online Eligibility Tool – “ProgramFinder”

This winter heating season, **we’ve made it easier to find out if you’re eligible** for Peoples’ customer support programs, including LIHEAP, CAP and Dollar Energy. Try the confidential ProgramFinder, located on our website, peoples-gas.com/helpmepay, as a one-stop approach to finding help with your utility bills. If you know of someone who might need assistance with their winter heating bills, please have them check out the **ProgramFinder** or call **1-800-400-WARM (9276)**.

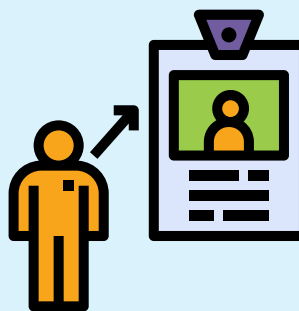
EMERGENCY SERVICE 1-800-222-5101

Our emergency personnel are on duty to assist you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you smell a natural gas odor, suspect a leak, or there is an explosion or fire, leave the area immediately and then call us at **1-800-222-5101**.

Ask To See ID

Remember to always ask to see ID when a Peoples service employee visits your home.

In order to give you peace of mind, Peoples requires all of its customer service employees to wear photo identification. If you don’t see it when one of our employees comes to your home, ask for it. Our employees will gladly show you their photo ID.



ALL Peoples employees carry an ID card with their name, photo and the Peoples logo. Also, look for a vehicle with the Peoples logo. **Please contact customer service at 1-800-222-5101 with any questions or concerns.**



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Peoples-Gas.com

Individuals with Hearing Loss
Call **711** or **1-800-654-5988**
TTY# **1-800-654-5984**

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PEOPLES VIEW

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SHARE THE

GIFT
OF

WARMTH

WITH SOMEONE YOU LOVE

In just a few easy online steps, you can make a payment toward your loved one’s gas bill. Delight a family member, friend or neighbor with the Gift of Warmth for this Holiday Season!

Budget Billing

Budget Billing lets you take control of your expenses, giving you more predictability to make it easier to budget.

The budget plan is your yearly consumption averaged over a twelve month period. This allows you to pay a more consistent amount throughout the year. Peoples calculates your budget by comparing past usage information for your home with projected weather conditions and rates. To prevent any shortages or overages, Peoples will review your gas usage over the past quarter and adjust your budget amount higher or lower.

You can leave Budget Billing at any time; however when you unenroll, your account balance will be due in full.



Joining Budget Billing is easy!
CALL TO ENROLL
1-800-222-5101

Winter Tips

Don't Let Water Pipes Freeze

Locate pipes that are most susceptible to freezing - those near outer walls, in crawl spaces or attics. Both copper and plastic water pipes can burst. If pipes are close to an exposed outside wall, open the cabinet door to let room heat in. Wrap pipes with pipe insulation or layers of newspaper with plastic to keep out moisture.

It only takes a day or two of sub-freezing temperatures to cause damage. If you plan to be away from home for a period of time, consider "winterizing" your pipes (turning off the main water valve and opening all faucets to drain the system), even if you have someone looking in on your home while you're gone. Be aware that leaks sometimes don't show up until a pipe thaws, which can cause extensive damage to walls.

If you own a rental property (vacant or occupied), check frequently to be sure the building is adequately heated or, in the case of a vacant property, consider winterizing the building as above.

If your water pipes do freeze, call a professional to thaw them. NEVER use a torch.

Keep Meters Clear

Never tie (tether) pets to gas meters or use gas meters to hang garden hoses or other tools.

Keeping a clear path to your gas meter not only helps Peoples employees trying to perform routine maintenance, but also allows emergency responders quick access should the need arise.

Remove snow and ice from your natural gas meter with a broom or brush, but never kick or try to chip with a hard object.

Look up! Ice can break off of gutters and overhangs and damage a meter if struck, or ice can melt during the day and splash up into regulator vents, then freeze again at night, which may lead to improper pressures.

Keep meters at least 3 feet away from ignition sources and from appliance vents or intakes. Appliance flue products contain moisture, which could freeze in cold weather and also cause corrosion.

Never hang a light bulb near a meter for heat.

Gas meters with regulators require open air around them, **so never box in or wrap your meter with blankets.**

If you or someone you know needs help paying winter gas bills, please dial **1-800-400-WARM (9276)** or visit **PEOPLES-GAS.COM/HELPMEPAY**

Homeowners and Renters May Qualify When:



CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CAP)
 200% Federal Poverty Level

Peoples Customer Assistance Program (CAP) is an affordable monthly payment plan, based on income, for customers who meet income guidelines. Participants make reasonable payments to maintain gas service and can earn credits to reduce their balance each month.

Household Size*	Monthly Income	Annual Income
1	\$2,082	\$24,980
2	\$2,818	\$33,820
3	\$3,555	\$42,660
4	\$4,292	\$51,500
5	\$5,028	\$60,340
6	\$5,765	\$69,180
7	\$6,502	\$78,020
8	\$7,238	\$86,860
For each add'l person, add	\$737	\$8,840




DOLLAR ENERGY FUND (DEF)
 200% Federal Poverty Level

Dollar Energy Fund (DEF) provides grants to people with limited incomes who make a good faith payment toward their bills.



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LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)
 150% Federal Poverty Level

The **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)** provides grants for customers with limited incomes. LIHEAP is not a loan. It is a government grant applied directly to help pay your Peoples heating bill.

Household Size*	Monthly Income	Annual Income
1	\$1,561	\$18,735
2	\$2,114	\$25,365
3	\$2,666	\$31,995
4	\$3,219	\$38,625
5	\$3,771	\$45,255
6	\$4,324	\$51,885
7	\$4,876	\$58,515
8	\$5,429	\$65,145
For each add'l person, add	\$553	\$6,630

*All members of household regardless of age