



Call 811

Before You Dig

It's Free for Homeowners and It's the Law.

Important - Understand Your Gas Price

Residential customers — are you buying your natural gas from Peoples or from a different natural gas supplier? You have a choice! Here is how to tell from your bill if you have chosen another supplier and what your price is.

If you purchase from a different natural gas supplier, your natural gas price will be on the second page of your gas bill. **Look for a line labelled "Supplier Commodity"**. That is the natural gas commodity price (per Mcf) you are being charged by your supplier. Current offers from other natural gas suppliers can be seen at pagasswitch.com.

If you purchase natural gas from Peoples, our current **"Peoples Commodity Charge"** (commonly known as Price to Compare) is:

\$ 2.3229 (per MCF)*

Please understand your service options, review your bill carefully, know your Commodity Charge, and make informed decisions. For more information—go to Peoples-gas.com/shopforgas

**effective April 1, 2020 – June 30, 2020.*

JOHN SMITH			
Account Number	Date Prepared	Next Meter Reading	For General Info
2000000000000	Apr 9, 2019	05/09 - 05/10/2019	
Supplier Credits and Charges			
Balance from last bill		\$104.19	
Payment on APR 02, 2019 - Thank You		104.19 CR	
Supplier Balance		\$0.00	
Supplier Commodity 17.2 MCF @ \$X.XXXX		\$00.00	
Supplier Current Charges		\$00.00	
Supplier Account Balance		\$00.00	

EMERGENCY SERVICE

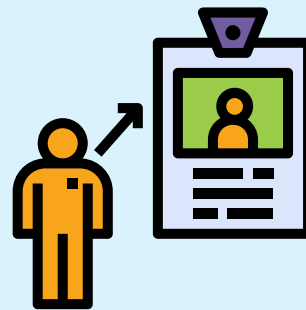
1-800-222-5101

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.**



1-800-222-5101

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Individuals with Hearing Loss

Call **711** or **1-800-654-5988**

TTY# **1-800-654-5984**

@peoplesnatgas



PEOPLES VIEW

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The Peoples PROGRAMFINDER:

Providing Support
For Utility Bills

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At Peoples, we understand that sometimes it can be difficult to pay your bill. We are here to help you in any way we can. **We now have an online tool called "ProgramFinder"** to make it easier to find out if you're eligible for customer support programs. The confidential ProgramFinder is a one-stop approach to finding help with your utility bills.



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

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

If you know of someone who might need assistance with their heating bills, please have them check out our website to learn more about all the services available to them at [Peoples-gas.com/support](https://peoples-gas.com/support) or call **1-800-400-WARM (9276)**.

Budget Billing

Budget Billing gives you more predictability with your gas bill, making 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
or visit peopleseaccount.com

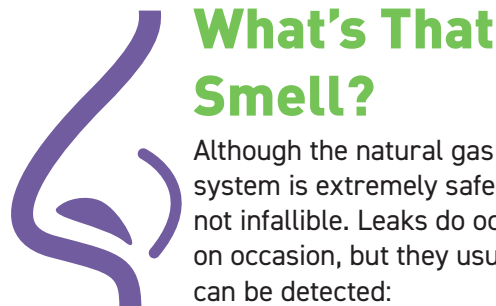
Keep Meters Clear

Please remember that your natural gas meter must be accessible to read in case of emergency. Keep a three foot clearance in front of your meter with grass and bushes trimmed back so the dials and safety valve are visible.

You can keep yourself and our meter readers safe this spring and summer by following these simple guidelines:



- **Keep bushes** and poisonous plants trimmed back so the dials are visible to read. If we can't get close enough to read the meter, we will estimate your bill.
- **Call 811** to have underground utilities marked before digging.
- **Do not drape** hoses on or tie pets to the meter.
- **Plant trees, shrubs and plants** far enough away for future growth to allow space for routine and/or emergency maintenance work, and to prevent roots from damaging your gas service line.
- **Do not obstruct** the meter or regulator (if applicable) with boxes, vehicles, a deck, or other equipment which would impact the ability to service the meter.
- **Be careful** when mowing or weed-whacking around the meter.
- **Do not attempt** to service or maintain a meter yourself.



What's That Smell?

Although the natural gas delivery system is extremely safe, it is not infallible. Leaks do occur on occasion, but they usually can be detected:

BY SMELL

Because the gas is odorless, a sulfur-based odorant is added to give it a rotten-egg smell that warns of its presence. Be alert for this odorant or any petroleum smell.

BY SIGHT

Escaping gas affects the nutrients in soil, so discolored soil or dead vegetation near a pipeline may indicate a leak.

BY SOUND

Natural gas leaks may make a hissing or a high-pitched whistling noise.

If you smell a natural gas odor or suspect a leak, leave the area immediately and call our emergency number, 1-800-222-5101.



DEFINED: A cross bore is defined as the intersection of an existing underground utility or underground structure by a second utility installed using trenchless technology. This results in an intersection of the utilities, compromising the integrity of either or both utility or underground structure.

X Why Looking for Cross Bores is Important:

In rare cases, a gas pipeline could cross through a sewer pipe. If a plumber unknowingly strikes a gas line while cutting through a sewer blockage, natural gas could enter the sewer system. We want to prevent this from happening.

X Why Utility Lines Can Cross Through Sewer Lines:

When a new utility line (gas, electric, telephone, or cable television) needs to be installed in an urban area, it's very common for utility providers to dig horizontally underground (called directional boring). Since this installation method does not involve digging a trench, it avoids damage to sidewalks, patios, landscaping, and existing utility lines marked by 811 Call Before You Dig. However, the directional bore may unintentionally penetrate an existing sewer, drain or conduit.

X Cleaning Out Sewers Could Cause a Hazardous Situation:

This can happen when sewer laterals are cleaned using mechanical purging equipment (roooter). This equipment has the ability to damage buried utilities. Collapsed sewer walls can also cause the rooter equipment to be misdirected outside of the sewer, bringing the equipment dangerously close to other buried utilities. Be safe. If you have a sewer blockage, please ask your plumber to always assume that obstructions could involve a cross bore.

For more information or with any concerns, please contact Peoples at **866-863-6266**, or e-mail us at damage_prevention@peoplesgas.com. You can also visit peoples-gas.com/crossbores for more information on safety precautions.

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 peoples-gas.com/shopforgas for additional details, or visit the Pennsylvania Gas Switch website, pagasswitch.com, for a list of natural gas suppliers and current offers.