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ENERGY PARTNERS AT PEOPLES.

BUSINESS HOME ENVIRONMENT COMMUNITY



ONE MORE MONTH OF SUMMER

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NATURAL GAS PIPELINES ARE SAFE

The natural gas pipeline network spans the United States and is one of the safest modes of fuel transportation today. The industry invests millions of dollars each year on research and technology to improve the system.

To keep the network safe, the natural gas pipeline industry complies with a broad regulatory program directed by the United States Department of Transportation's Pipeline Hazardous Material Safety Administration division. These regulations provide safety standards for the design, construction, maintenance, and testing of natural gas pipeline systems.

Pipeline Integrity Management Programs for transmission and distribution pipelines require operators to continually monitor pipeline integrity and perform risk analysis, especially in highly populated areas. Peoples utilizes preventive measures to reduce the risk of pipeline leaks or failures and to ensure the safe delivery of natural gas to homes and businesses in our service area.

For more information, please visit our website, www.peoples-gas.com, and select All About Gas / Safety/Pipeline Safety.

THIRD PARTY NOTIFICATION

For retirees on the go, as well as for caregivers, our Third Party Notification can provide an alert in the event that gas service is in danger of being terminated. A friend, relative or other third party can agree to be notified of a possible service termination. The third party receives a copy of the termination notice and can take action to make sure gas service continues. The third party is never obligated to pay the bill.

If you would like to be designated as a third party, or if you would like to designate someone to be a third party, please call customer service at 1-800-764-0111 to request a Third Party Notification enrollment form, or download the form at peoples-gas.com under My Account/Pay My Bill/Billing Options. Fill out the form and mail it to the address listed.



Our Values: SAFETY. CUSTOMER COMMITMENT. TRUST. COMMUNITY.



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

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EMERGENCY SERVICE CONTACT INFO

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 **1-800-400-4271.**

Please use this number only in an emergency.

1-800-400-4271

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 1-800-764-0111 with any questions or concerns.**



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, www.pagasswitch.com, for a list of Natural Gas Suppliers and current offers.



ONE MORE MONTH OF SUMMER

Many people consider Labor Day to be the unofficial start of the fall season. The new school year is starting, the weather is getting cooler, and pretty soon, the leaves will begin to fall. But what if you could stay outside even longer? And enjoy...

One More Month of Summer?

Now could be the perfect time to add a couple of upgrades to your outdoor patio or backyard. You can enjoy **One More Month of Summer** by investing in outdoor natural gas appliances. To learn more, visit www.peoples-gas.com/news/summer.

Consider a natural gas fire pit. Nothing burns cleaner, brighter or longer than a fire fueled by natural gas. At one-sixth the cost of propane, it's perfect for marshmallow roasting! And once a service line is laid, you can hook up many different appliances and fixtures. Remember, you should always hire a certified plumber or contractor to ensure that your new appliances are installed correctly.

Whether you're upgrading from a propane grill to a natural gas grill for more convenient cooking, or building the ultimate backyard patio with natural gas heat, you can increase your efficiency, save money, and create your signature style. And above all, you can kick back, relax, and enjoy **One More Month of Summer**.



SAFETY FIRST FOR GAS APPLIANCES

We are proud that you have chosen to heat your home or water with natural gas, a clean, abundant and efficient natural resource. With any gas appliance, there are certain safety precautions that should be taken:



What you should NOT DO:

- ✗ **DO NOT store flammable products such as gasoline, solvents or adhesives in the same room or area near a water heater and always keep combustible material at a safe distance away from gas fired equipment.** Make sure that your gas fired appliances have plenty of air to allow for proper operation.

What you should DO:

- ✓ **DO monitor your water heater temperature.** Hot water can scald! Our technicians are trained to return your hot water setting to the temperature at which it was set before they checked or re-lit the appliance. However, it is always wise for you to re-check this setting after the heater has been serviced. Lowering your temperature setting can prevent scalding accidents and lower your energy costs. Water temperatures above 125° F can cause severe burns or even death. Households with small children, disabled or elderly persons may require a lower thermostat setting to prevent contact with "HOT" water. Please refer to your water heater manufacturer's recommendation for safe water heater temperature settings.
- ✓ **DO check outdoor appliance exhausts year-round.** Some furnaces are vented with PVC pipe to the outdoors. If the vent becomes blocked, an emergency switch should stop the furnace from running. However, it is wise to periodically check the vent opening. This is particularly important in cold weather, as snow or ice can build up and block the opening. Recently, invasive brown marmorated "stink bugs" have been cited as the cause for some furnace vent problems as they enter through the PVC piping looking for warmth or a place to hibernate. Never try to put any covering (such as mesh or netting) over the openings in an attempt to block insects; any restrictions may affect proper operation. Following the manufacturer's recommendations and regular inspections by a qualified appliance professional are recommended and will help assure safe operation.

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK THESE BOXES... IT'S MONEY IN YOUR POCKET!!!



YOUR SAVE MONEY, KEEP WARM CHECKLIST:

- ✓ **DIAL: 800-400-WARM (9276)**
- ✓ **APPLY FOR CAP**
 - An affordable bill based on household income.
 - Earn monthly credits to reduce your balance faster.
- ✓ **APPLY FOR DOLLAR ENERGY**
 - A grant that helps you pay your gas bill.
- ✓ **LEARN ABOUT LIHEAP**
 - A federally funded grant program that provides a grant directly to your gas bill account.
- ✓ **IT'S EASY!!!**



Check out our website to learn more about all of the services available to help you:

Peoples-Gas.com/Helpmepay

ADDITIONAL HELP

Additional help may be available for your housing, food and utility needs. **United Way's 211 service** can refer you to other aid programs. If you or a loved one needs assistance, please call 211 today.



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