

Switching to natural gas can provide a convenient and versatile energy source. When considering the switch to natural gas, you should be aware of the possible costs. These costs will vary by the style and characteristics of your home and your current heating system. In addition to your heating system, there may be other costs required in order for you to switch to natural gas. Below is a table of potential costs associated with conversion, as well as a worksheet to help you compare quotes provided by contractors. Please note that you may need to work with one or more contractors to complete the work necessary to switch to natural gas.

You should also consider the cost of new appliances if you choose to switch them to natural gas at the time of your gas service installation. You would need to purchase any desired appliances such as a stove, clothes dryer, or fireplace, and retain a contractor to install them.

We recommend the following when requesting quotes from contractors

You should provide the following information to the contractor:

- Heating equipment brand, model number and AFUE rating
- Water heater brand, model number, energy factor (EF) and type (storage, on demand, etc.)

The contractor should provide a written quote at no cost to you; the written quote should specify:

- An expiration date when the quote will no longer be valid
- Confirmation that the equipment will be sized and installed in accordance with local, state codes, industry standards and manufacturer's guidelines and in compliance with federal, state, local laws, rules and regulations regarding hazardous materials inspection, removal and disposal
- Confirmation of a minimum one year warranty on equipment
- Installation at no additional cost to you.

In addition, the contractor should also provide you with information on the following:

- financing options
- potential rebates provided by the State, natural gas and electric utilities, manufacturers and the installing contractor
- potential tax credits

Before you accept a quote, we encourage you to check the installing contractor's references from prior customers and the contractor's rating and feedback with your state's Better Business Bureau and Department of Consumer Protection.

THE COST TO SWITCH WORKSHEET

Potential Costs Associated With Conversion to Natural Gas

Be sure to ask contractors which of the following costs are included in their quotes. You may need to work with one or more contractors to complete the work necessary to switch to natural gas.

- Heating System Equipment
- Water Heating System Equipment
- Duct/ Piping Modifications
- Chimney Lining
- Required Venting
- Required Wiring
- Pumps
- Labor
- Permit Costs
- Applicable Taxes
- Applicable Delivery
- Removal/Disposal of Heating Equipment
- Removal/Disposal of Water Heater
- Removal/Disposal of Oil or Propane Tank
- New Natural Gas Appliances

Quote Comparison

Item	Contractor 1	Contractor 2	Contractor 3
Equipment/Materials			
Labor			
other			
Total			



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