

Converting to Gas Heat Checklist

Looking to convert your home to clean and convenient natural gas? The following checklist will help you through the steps to converting.

1. Contact Eversource at 866-678-2744. There are two possible scenarios:

- If you already have a gas line going into your home, you are probably ready to convert your home to gas heating. When you call, an Eversource representative will verify you have the proper size gas lines to your home and may arrange to have a larger gas meter installed.
- If you need a gas line installed, an Eversource representative will come to your home and determine the best route for a gas line and a location for your gas meter. In most cases there is no charge for this service. However, there will be a \$1,000 refundable deposit you'll get back once your gas heating system is connected. This entire process from application to installation is typically 6 weeks.

2. Get pricing on converting your heating system. Eversource maintains a list of local contractors, or you can use a heating contractor of your choice. It is always a beneficial idea to get a couple of estimates.

Below are some options and approximate prices.

- If your heating system is less than 10 years old, you may be able to just install a conversion burner, which is attached to your existing system. This is the most economical way to convert, however not all heating systems are compatible with a conversion burner. Typical installed prices are around \$2,500 to \$2,800, or up to \$4,500 if a chimney liner is required.
- If your heating system is more than 10 years old you will most likely need to replace it with a new gas heating system. New heating systems, including installation, can run anywhere from \$5,000 to \$10,000.
- A new heating system will be the most efficient choice, with 95 percent or higher efficiency. Most new gas heating systems also no longer vent into a chimney, but rather through a plastic pipe out of the side of your home.
- Rebates for high efficiency heating systems are available to help with the cost. More information is available on www.eversource.com. Steam heating systems are typically not eligible for rebates. If you install a high-efficiency heating system, you may be eligible for a 0 percent interest, 7-year loan. More information is available on www.masssave.com.
- If you have a propane heating system, your contractor may be able to easily convert it to run on natural gas. Before Eversource can install the gas line, your contractor will need to disconnect the propane line and possibly move the tank.

3. Have a contractor replace your heating system or install your conversion burner. During this step you will need to coordinate with an Eversource representative if you are also having a gas line installed.

4. Once your gas heating system is connected and running, you should have your oil tank removed.

Eversource has arranged for discount standard oil-tank removal with **Tank Away**. They will remove your oil tank for \$350, including the necessary permits.

5. Now you are ready to enjoy the many benefits of your new gas heating system!

