



# Natural Gas Matters

IDEAS AND INSIGHTS FROM YOUR NATURAL GAS SERVICE PROVIDER



## Have You Seen Us in Your Yard?

From time to time, you might peek out your window and see a Kansas Gas Service technician in your yard. Don't worry – they are there for your safety! Every so often, our technicians may need to access your yard to check pipelines, make repairs or take meter readings.

We are required by federal and state regulations to periodically survey our pipelines. To do that, our employees must have direct access to our pipelines and equipment, which may be buried in your yard. An above-ground leak survey will typically take only a few minutes, and because it does not require access inside the home, you may not even notice it has been done. These quick checks help ensure that our systems are operating properly and safely.



Kansas Gas Service employees also may need access to your yard when you have a scheduled appointment. Performing the following actions can help make for a quick and easy appointment:

- Leave your gate or fence unlocked so the technician can access your natural gas meter.
- Be available to grant our technician access to your home if this has been requested.
- Ensure that all pets are secured in a safe place away from the technician.

Remember, never let a stranger into your home without asking for identification. Our employees always carry company-issued identification cards. If you are ever uncertain why an employee wants to enter your home, or if you'd like to confirm an employee's identity, give us a call at 1-800-794-4780 and press "0" to speak with a representative.

You can play a role in keeping meters and pipelines safe, too. Be sure to keep your meter clear of any obstructions or debris, and avoid planting trees or large shrubs near your meter. And remember to always call 811 at least two full business days before you dig to have underground utility lines marked.

For more information about natural gas safety, visit [www.kansasgasservice.com](http://www.kansasgasservice.com).



## 811 AWARENESS VISA GIFT CARD DRAWING



April is National Safe Digging Month and Kansas Gas Service is celebrating by giving you the opportunity to win a Visa gift card through our Facebook page! Throughout April, be sure to visit the Kansas Gas Service Facebook page to see how you could be the lucky winner of a \$100 Visa Gift Card.

Find more details and read the official rules at [www.facebook.com/kansasgasservice](http://www.facebook.com/kansasgasservice) or [www.kansasgasservice.com](http://www.kansasgasservice.com).

## Make the Natural Choice for Saving Energy

When you use natural gas, you're making a responsible choice for the environment. That's because natural gas is the cleanest-burning fossil fuel, and homes that use natural gas instead of electricity for cooking, clothes drying and space and water heating can reduce their carbon footprint by up to 30 percent.



Natural gas is an efficient choice, too. Ninety-two percent of natural gas is delivered to your home as energy, compared with only 32 percent for electricity. Less energy lost during delivery means less waste, and that's good news for the environment.

Next time you take a hot shower or light that blue flame on your natural gas range, you can feel good knowing it's fueled by the cleaner, greener fuel.

## The Advantage of Natural Gas Vehicles

Looking for an environmentally friendly alternative to gasoline? CNG, or compressed natural gas, is a transportation fuel used by more than 120,000 vehicles in the United States as a clean-burning alternative to gasoline.

Natural gas vehicles produce significantly fewer pollutants than gasoline vehicles and have little to no emissions during fueling. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, using vehicles that run on natural gas instead of gasoline can reduce smog-producing gases, such as carbon monoxide and nitrogen oxides, by more than 90 percent and 60 percent, respectively.

You can find locations of CNG filling stations throughout the country on the U.S. Department of Energy's website at [www.afdc.energy.gov/locator/stations](http://www.afdc.energy.gov/locator/stations). For more information on natural gas vehicles and conversion options, visit [www.kansasgasservice.com/cng](http://www.kansasgasservice.com/cng) or [www.NGVAmerica.org](http://www.NGVAmerica.org).

