



# Gazette

## How Do We Get Natural Gas?

When any Walton Gas customer turns on a gas range to make dinner or switches on the furnace for heat, you're doing what people in 62 million other American homes do daily: You're using natural gas.

In fact, the U.S. consumes more natural gas than any other nation in the world.

Using information from the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), here is a short look at how natural gas gets from deep in the ground to Walton Gas customers.

### LOCATING NATURAL GAS

Natural gas is a fossil fuel. Like other fossil fuels such as coal and oil, it forms deep below the Earth's surface.

The search for natural gas begins with geologists who locate the types of rock that are likely to contain natural gas deposits. Some of these areas are on land and some are offshore and deep under the ocean floor. Natural gas deposits are often found near oil deposits.

#### FAST FACT:

Texas is the top producer of natural gas among U.S. states.

#### FAST FACT:

Currently, there are 553,495 natural gas wells in the U.S.

### MINING NATURAL GAS

In the United States, natural gas is also produced directly from shale and other types of rock formations that contain natural gas in pores within the rock. Once a likely deposit of natural gas is located, it is commonly extracted by drilling a well vertically into rock formations.

Gas trapped in the formations is released and flows up the well to the surface. Extracting natural gas from deposits isn't always easy. Any number of factors in the underground environment can make mining it a challenge.

In the past, it was common to recover as little as 10 percent of the available gas in a deposit. Today, enhanced recovery techniques are used to bring as much as 60 percent of the gas to the surface.

### DISTRIBUTING NATURAL GAS

Natural gas is sent to underground storage fields or to distribution companies through pipelines ranging from 2 to 60 inches in diameter.

The continental United States has more than 210 pipeline systems that transfer gas to all 48 states.

#### FAST FACT:

Most of the natural gas consumed in the U.S. is also produced in the U.S.

#### FAST FACT:

The U.S. consumes more natural gas than any other nation in the world.

Now, the next time you're relaxing in a toasty warm house heated by natural gas, you'll know where it comes from.



# Budgets Love Levelized Billing

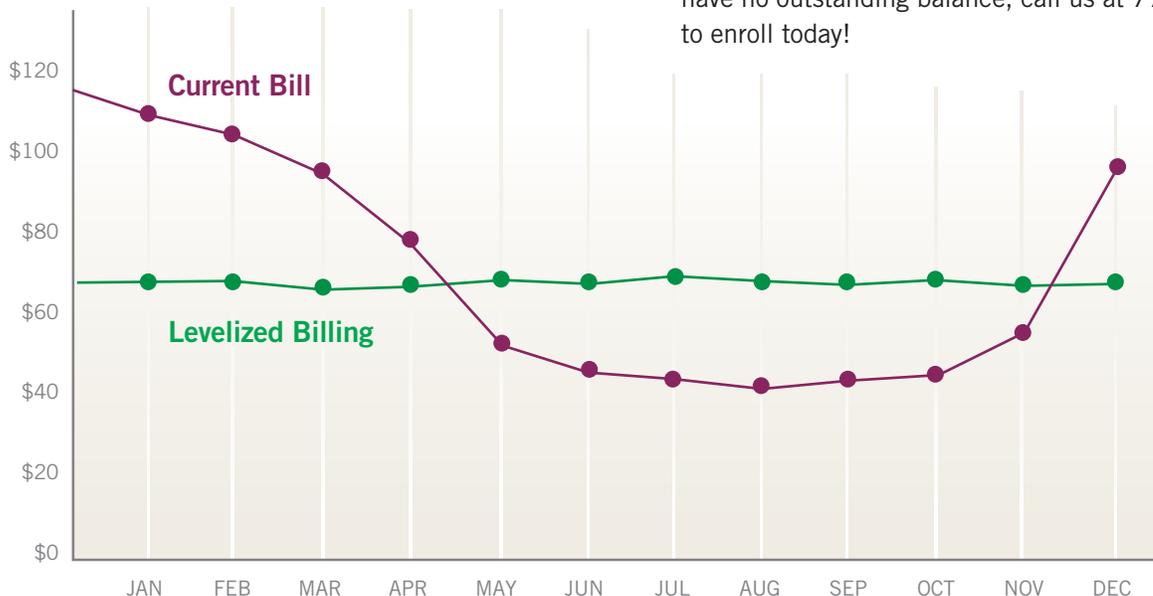
Straighten out your gas bills with the levelized billing service from Walton Gas.

Basically, we take your current bill, add it to the bills from the last 11 months and divide by 12. This gives us a continuous 12-month average.

Your bill won't be exactly the same each month, but it won't vary by more than a few dollars.

If a payment is late, you are automatically removed from the program.

If you have been with Walton for at least one year and have no outstanding balance, call us at 770.GAS.HEAT to enroll today!



Figures based on the average residential gas bills for 2017.

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## gas up the stove

# Quick Chicken Noodle Soup

- 3 1/2 cups chicken broth
- 1 stalk celery, sliced thin
- 1 carrot, sliced thin
- 1/4 cup onion, diced

- 1 cup chicken, cooked & cubed
- 3/4 cup egg noodles, uncooked

Mix all ingredients, except noodles, into saucepan and boil. Reduce to medium heat, add noodles and stir. Cook for 10 minutes. Serves 4.

**Submitted by Sondra Gary of Snellville.** Featured recipes are not independently tested, so we must depend on the accuracy of the cooks sending them. Always use safe food handling, preparation and cooking procedures from the recognized experts.



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