



# Why Natural Gas?

## Conservation Tips

Conserve More Energy – and Save Money – Right Now

The energy choices you make are important. In addition to affecting the environment, they also affect how comfortable you are in your own home. And very importantly, they affect how much money you spend. That's why, at **Florida City Gas**, we want to help you to save money and energy. We believe that by helping our customers conserve energy, we all benefit.

If you're using Natural Gas today, you've already made a good choice for the environment, your home and your finances. If you're still thinking about purchasing additional Natural Gas appliances – or switching to Natural Gas – you can learn more about saving money and energy at **Energy Star** ([www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov))

*You can figure out how Natural Gas can reduce your carbon footprint with this calculator ([www.gasisgreen.com](http://www.gasisgreen.com)).*

## You can start saving money and energy right now by following these tips:

### Stoves:

- ▶ When you're cooking, adjust the flame to fit the bottom of the pot or pan – turning up the flame beyond the bottom only wastes energy
- ▶ Keep stove burner surfaces clean
- ▶ Cover pots and pans with lids when cooking
- ▶ Cook food at high heat to bring to temperature, then reduce to complete cooking



### Sinks and Showers:

- ▶ Fix leaky faucets
- ▶ Install low volume shower-heads and faucets
- ▶ Turn off the water while brushing your teeth and shaving Choose showers over baths and minimize time in the shower
- ▶ Put a bucket in the shower while you're waiting for the water to warm up, and use the water you catch for watering plants or cleaning



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### Washers and Dryers:

- ▶ Use a water-level setting that matches the size of the load you're washing
- ▶ Select the proper setting and time for the clothing type and load size.
- ▶ In your dryer, separate heavier clothes (towels, heavy cottons) from the lightweight fabrics (synthetics) for more efficient drying
- ▶ Dry full loads, but be sure not to overload your dryer  
Clean the dryer's lint filter before every load
- ▶ Don't add wet clothes during the drying cycle
- ▶ Don't over-dry clothes – use the automatic moisture control if your dryer has one, or select the appropriate amount of time on the automatic timer
- ▶ Be sure the outside dryer vent is free of any obstructions and the vent cover fully opens when the dryer is in use



### Water Heaters and Furnaces:

- ▶ Lower the temperature setting on your water heater to 120 degrees
- ▶ Put an insulation wrap around the sides of your water heater (but remember: Never put insulation on the top of the heater or near the bottom)
- ▶ Add insulation in your attic
- ▶ Lower the thermostat when no one is home
- ▶ Install a programmable thermostat to automatically adjust the temperature each day Clean or replace all filters at least once per month
- ▶ Have the system inspected and maintained regularly
- ▶ Keep heating and return vents free of all obstructions for proper airflow

For more appliance and rebate information, visit [www.FloridaCityGasRebates.com](http://www.FloridaCityGasRebates.com)