

natural gas *now*

At Nicor Gas, we are committed to fueling a vibrant Illinois economy while delivering safe, clean, reliable and affordable natural gas.



Nicor Gas is installing new mains, services, meters and regulating facilities to meet the increasing demand for natural gas, and investing in new technologies to reduce costs and drive efficiencies.

At a Glance

650+

Communities fueled by Nicor Gas

2M+

Residential customers

182k+

Commercial customers

11k+

Industrial customers

34k+

Miles of Pipeline

Protecting Homes *and Wallets*

- ▶ **75% of Illinois households rely on natural gas** for affordable home heating, helping ensure comfort & safety - especially during harsh Illinois winters.¹
- ▶ **Natural gas is 3.5 times more affordable than electricity** and significantly more affordable than several other residential energy sources for the same amount of energy delivered.²
- ▶ Natural gas helps homeowners **save over 80%** on annual energy bills compared to electric-only homes.³

Infrastructure Investments *Drive the Illinois Economy:*

- ▶ Nicor Gas employs more than 2,300 skilled workers and over 45,000 jobs in Illinois are supported by the natural gas industry.⁴
- ▶ To strengthen reliability and resilience, Nicor Gas has invested more than \$3 billion (2015-2024) in infrastructure modernization, including replacing aging pipelines, relocating meters outside homes and businesses, upgrading natural gas storage systems and refurbishing pressure-regulating stations throughout its system.
- ▶ Previous rate adjustments have allowed for replacement of aging compressors to help ensure 24/7 on-demand energy is available to our customers on the coldest days of the year when they need it most.

The Cost of *Repairs vs. Upgrades:*

Spot Repairs:⁵

~\$150-\$3K + per fix

Fails to address system wide reliability needs.

Main Replacements:⁶

~\$1M-\$3.6M per mile

strengthens safety, reliability and reduces emissions.

Why It Matters:

Proactive upgrades help ensure long-term affordability and reliability, reducing future repair costs and supporting Illinois' clean energy future.

Building a *Clean Energy Future:*

Progress:

- **More than \$270M in energy efficiency incentives** given to Nicor Gas customers since 2011.
- **1.47M metric tons CO2 emissions avoided since 2011.**

Future Fuels:⁷

- **Integrating renewable natural gas (RNG)** into the system.

Efficient Equipment:⁸

- **22% lower emissions** from homes using natural gas for space and water heating, cooking and clothes drying compared to all-electric homes.
- Efficient gas equipment is expected to reduce home greenhouse gas emissions up to **40% by 2040.**

¹https://consumerenergyalliance.org/cms/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/The-Importance-of-Natural-Gas-to-Illinois_CEA-Report.pdf

²<https://playbook.aga.org/affordable>

³<https://www.nicorgas.com/content/dam/southern-co-gas/nicor-gas/docs/dollars-and-sense.pdf>

⁴<https://www.aga.org/research-policy/state-profiles/il/>

⁵<https://www.forbes.com/home-improvement/plumbing/gas-line-installation-repair-cost/>

⁶https://buildingdecarb.org/wp-content/uploads/FoG-IL-2-pagers_Final.pdf

⁷<https://pgjonline.com/news/2025/september/nicor-gas-connects-second-rng-facility-to-illinois-pipeline-network>

⁸<https://playbook.aga.org/sustainable>

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