



Neighborhood Expansion Program

Great news! We may be extending service to your area through our **Neighborhood Expansion Program**. This makes it easier than ever to switch to natural gas.

What is the Neighborhood Expansion Program?

The Neighborhood Expansion Program is a Nicor Gas program that allows eligible Illinois residents not currently served by natural gas to enjoy the comfort of this clean, safe, reliable and affordable fuel source.

How does the Neighborhood Expansion Program work?

Any customer in a Neighborhood Expansion Program area that converts to natural gas during the first 10 years will be responsible for a connection charge based on the required contribution to bring natural gas to the area. The connection charge can be paid in advance, or eligible residential customers may choose to elect the Customer Payment Option (CPO) and pay this charge in monthly installments.

How is the connection charge determined?

The payment required to make the natural gas main extension feasible (known as the required contribution) is divided by the number of estimated customers to determine the connection charge per property. For example, if the required contribution was calculated at \$10,000, and 10 customers in the area were expected to connect, the connection charge would be \$1,000 per customer. The connection charge is capped at \$5,000 per customer.

How can I pay for the connection charge?

The connection charge can be paid in advance, or eligible residential customers can elect the Customer Payment Option (CPO) to pay the connection charge over time on their monthly natural gas bill. Commercial customers are required to pay the full connection charge before receiving natural gas service.

How long will it take to get natural gas service?

Installation of a natural gas main is required to serve your area. Once this is completed and a natural gas main is adjacent to your property, installation of your natural gas service can generally take place within a few weeks. The length of time may vary due to permit requirements, weather conditions, etc.

Where will Nicor Gas install my natural gas meter?

The standard natural gas meter location is near the front exterior of a home or business, either on the left or right side. As safety is our number one priority, there must be a three-foot clearance from the natural gas meter to any door or window openings, vents or electric meter. Greater clearances may be needed for some equipment.

Will I need to hire a contractor for this project?

Nicor Gas provides natural gas service pipe up to the natural gas meter outside of your home. The piping connection between the natural gas meter and your natural gas appliances is your responsibility. We recommend contacting a qualified heating or plumbing professional to perform this work.

What construction may be required on my property?

While installing natural gas service pipe requires excavation, our construction team seeks to minimize the impact by employing best construction practices.

How do I get started?

The first step is to contact a Nicor Gas new business coordinator at nicorgasnep@southernco.com, or call us at **888.642.6748** for more information. We will assist you with the process to enjoy the comfort, convenience and reliability of natural gas.



Switching your home
to natural gas is easy



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Interested in natural gas for your home? Consider this...

From the warmest heat for your home, to quick and endless hot water, precise temperature cooking, and faster times for drying clothes, natural gas gives you the comfort and convenience you desire at an affordable price. Natural gas is clean, producing 30% fewer carbon emissions than heating oil and 40% fewer carbon emissions than an all-electric home.

Plus, heating your home with natural gas can mean serious savings. America's abundant supply makes it more affordable than ever to reduce your energy costs. Individual savings will vary depending on the type of fuel source you are converting from as well as the type and efficiency of the natural gas appliances you are installing. Rebates for energy-efficient natural gas appliances can be found at nicogasrebates.com.



Natural gas appliances



Furnace

- Delivers dependable warmth and comfort with efficiencies of up to 96%
- Enhanced comfort with heat that is up to 25 degrees warmer than from an electric heat pump



Tank water heater

- Heats water faster with no need for electricity
- Storage capacities from 30-100 gallons; quick heating with less cost



Tankless water heater

- Provides an endless supply of instant hot water
- No more storing hot water that is not needed



Clothes dryer

- Delivers more heat, which lowers your drying time, reducing operating costs and extending the life of your clothes
- More location choices and lower installation costs due to flexible piping



Standby generator

- Natural gas generators provide back-up power when the electricity goes out
- Provides power to several appliances or the whole home with quiet, safe operation



Range

- Instant on and off with easy clean-up provides ultimate convenience
- Precise temperature control makes it the preferred choice of professional chefs



Natural gas fireplace/fire pit

- Ambiance with exceptional comfort and no mess
- Extensive selection of realistic-looking logs available with adjustable flame, remote control starting and thermostats



Natural gas grill

- Convenient, year-round cooking with no charcoal mess or tank exchange
- Flexible piping installation provides more options in grill location



Natural gas pool heater

- Extends your swimming season with warmer water
- Affordably warms the water 7 to 10 times faster than electric



Home refueling appliance

- Vehicle refueling appliance that can fuel your natural gas vehicle from home
- Compact designs fit right on your garage wall

