



## Your Summer Made Better with Natural Gas

### *Covid Update*

*ORUD follows CDC recommended guidelines.*

Fully vaccinated people are not required to wear a mask while visiting our two locations.

We request that you continue to social distance.



We will be closed Monday, July 5th for Independence Day.

HAPPY  
**4th of July**

If you have a gas-related emergency, please call 865-483-1377.

Don't miss out on the fun,  
*pick up your natural gas grill today!*



up to

**\$100 off**

installation on any natural gas grill purchased from ORUD.

Installation must meet Federal and ORUD guidelines.

# “Out of sight, out of mind” gas bans are dangerous

Forcing total electrification on Americans fails to recognize the essential role natural gas plays in providing efficient, low-emission energy. Since the 70s, gas utilities have added more than 30 million residential customers with virtually no increase in emissions. The sector continues to shrink its carbon footprint by using existing infrastructure to drive greater efficiency with innovations like renewable natural gas and the use of hydrogen.

Banning natural gas will diminish efficiency inside the home. When used directly for cooking, clothes drying and home and water heating, natural gas has an efficiency of 92% — meaning nearly all of the energy contained in the original gas is utilized in appliances. However, when natural gas-fired power plants generate electricity for these same appliances, the efficiency is only 37%.

Natural gas bans are expected to increase average annual household energy costs by between \$750 and \$910, or about 38-46%. Forcing customers to pay to transition to a less-efficient power grid would place a large financial burden on families, and particularly those living on low or fixed incomes.

Schryver, D. (2021, June 1). The dangers of 'out of sight, out of mind' gas ban policies. Utility Dive. <https://www.utilitydive.com/news/the-dangers-of-out-of-sight-out-of-mind-gas-ban-policies/600789/>.



## HVAC FINANCING PROGRAM



### FIXED RATE

TNBank offers a fixed rate 8.69% APR\* for 60 months to qualified borrowers. Bank fees apply according to their established fee schedule. As of May 28, 2019, the loan fee is \$150 on the anticipated loan amount of \$5,300.

### CREDIT APPROVAL

Credit approval and terms are based on the lender's guidelines which require a minimum credit score of 700 and a debt to income ratio not exceeding 40%. Other financing options may be available for applicants who do not meet the regular program guidelines.

### HVAC CONTRACTORS

Upon approval, the HVAC contractor will be notified of their approval and can schedule installation of the HVAC system. Once the natural gas system is installed, they will call ORUD to request an inspection. Once the HVAC unit passes inspection, the contractor will be paid directly.