



Spring is Right Around the Corner!



\$879

That's how much households that use natural gas for heating, cooking and clothes drying save each year compared to homes using electricity for those appliances!

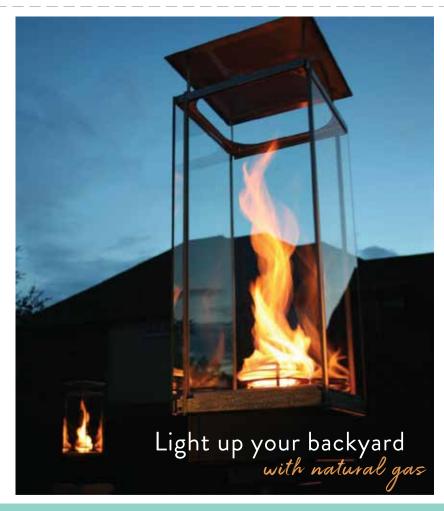
We cannot afford universal ELECTRIFICATION

An AGA report found that policies that would force families to switch their natural gas appliances to electric ones would be:

- burdensome to consumers and the economy
- have profound impacts and costs on the electric sector
- a very costly approach for a relatively small reduction in emissions



Policy-driven
electrification
would increase
average household
energy-related costs
up to \$910
per year.



Annual Leak Survey



It is that time of year again! Time for ORUD Natural Gas' annual leak survey. As part of our commitment to safety, ORUD technicians will be working in neighborhoods during the next few months conducting its annual leakage control survey on the underground natural gas pipelines. This leak survey is done annually on 1/5 of the overall distribution system and at all schools, churches and business districts as required by the U.S. Department of Transportation. Although most leaks found are very minor, our job is to be proactive in searching out and repairing any leaks before they become a hazard.

Time for Budget Billing

WHAT IS BUDGET BILLING?

Many of our customers enjoy the benefits of knowing how much their gas bill will be each month. They participate in the Budget Billing Plan offered by ORUD.

Our Budget Billing Plan takes the usage from your home over the past twelve months and uses that to predict the amount of gas you will use during an "average" year. We divide that amount into twelve equal monthly payments. Should next winter be warmer than "average" and you use less gas, you would have a credit that would be spread over the next twelve months. Should the winter be colder than "average" and you use more gas, you would have the amount underpaid spread over the next twelve months.

WHEN CAN I SIGN UP?

You can sign up for Budget Billing during the month of April.

I WANT TO SIGN UP!

YOUR ACCOUNT MUST BE PAID IN FULL AND CURRENT TO PARTICIPATE IN BUDGET BILLING

Charges such as the Appliance Financing Program, Project SAFE, and other miscellaneous charges will be in addition to the Budget Billing amount.

If you are not a current Budget Billing Customer and want to be, you can contact us at (865) 483-1377, visit ORUD.org or cut out the form below and send to: P.O. Box 4189, Oak Ridge, TN 37831.

CURRENT BUDGET BILLING CUSTOMERS

If you are already on the Budget Billing Plan, your monthly budget amount will automatically be recalculated for the next year and your new budget amount will reflect on your May or June bill.



Please return this form with your ORUD bill.



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_____ Account #: ____

Sign me up for Budget Billing!