

Energy Notes

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www.southjerseygas.com

CUSTOMER SERVICE

1-888-766-9900 Mon-Fri 7AM to 8PM / Sat 9AM to 2PM
e-mail: contactus@sjindustries.com

GAS LEAK HOTLINE:
1-800-582-7060

SAFETY

Suspect Theft of Gas?

It's not just stealing — it's also dangerous. Theft of gas is a problem that's costly and threatens the lives of our customers and employees.

In almost every case of gas theft, necessary safety devices are omitted. Without these devices, gas leaks and explosions can occur.

If you suspect someone of tampering with gas company meters, or if you think someone is tapping into your gas service, call South Jersey Gas at 1-888-766-9900. If we find someone is stealing your gas, you won't be charged for stolen service.

Did You Know?

For your safety, a rotten-egg odor is added to gas to help you detect even the smallest amount. If you smell this odor in your home, leave your home immediately. Then, from your cell phone or a neighbor's phone, call SJG's 24-hour Gas Leak Hotline. Stay outside your home until SJG or fire officials declare the area safe.

South Jersey Gas Leak Hotline
1-800-582-7060

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

For the Hearing or Speech Impaired

TDD (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf) enables hearing or speech impaired customers to communicate with SJG in case of a power outage or if they have questions about their bills. SJG maintains special equipment in our offices to receive messages from TDD customers. Customers can use this service by calling 1-800-547-9085 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

DOLLARS & SENSE

Did You Receive an Estimated Bill?

You may receive an estimated bill if something like a locked gate or a loose dog prevented us from reading your meter. We base estimated bills on the average amount of gas used during the same period last year as well as the amount used in the previous month. Your next actual reading adjusts any inaccuracy.

If an actual meter reading shows more gas was used than we estimated (especially if we had to estimate your usage for two or more months), your next bill may be considerably higher. If that bill is at least 25% higher than your prior estimated bill, you may pay the difference owed over the next few months. Upon request, we'll accept payment of the difference over a time period equal to the number of months we estimated your usage. Call us to make arrangements.

IN YOUR COMMUNITY

It's tax time again!

The Earned Income Tax Credit is a program designed to help low-to-moderate income families. Eligibility is limited and based on income, marital status and number of dependent children. Those who qualify are urged to take advantage of the credit.

To receive the EITC, you must file your tax return, even if you are not legally required to file.

Your local United Way can provide you with resources to assist in your tax preparations and help you to take advantage of the EITC. If you are unsure how to file a tax return or have any other questions regarding tax preparation, please call 2-1-1 for assistance.

2-1-1 is a free non-emergency number sponsored by the United Way of New Jersey to provide information and referrals for residents in need of assistance.

0% Financing Available for Natural Gas Equipment Upgrades

What does this mean for you?

Looking to replace your natural gas heating equipment? Looking to upgrade the efficiency of your entire home? Consider SJG's financing and rebate programs!

What's Available?

Whole House Upgrade Program:

- Receive a Home Energy Audit and make efficiency upgrades
- You may qualify for \$10,000 with 0% financing for 7 years OR \$15,000 at 4.99% for 10 years
- Up to \$4,000 in rebates from the NJ Clean Energy Program

Equipment Upgrade Program:

- SJG customers heating with gas
 - Up to \$6,500 with 0% financing for 5 years
 - Upgrade to a qualifying high-efficiency natural gas central heating system or boiler AND a qualifying high-efficiency natural gas water heater
 - Up to \$900 in rebates from the NJ Clean Energy Program

- SJG customers NOT heating with gas
 - Up to \$8,000 with 0% financing for 5 years
 - Upgrade to a qualifying high-efficiency natural gas central heating system or boiler AND a qualifying high-efficiency natural gas water heater
 - Up to \$900 in rebates from the NJ Clean Energy Program

Rebates:

- Up to \$1,400 in rebates from SJG and the NJ Clean Energy Program
- Upgrade to a qualifying high-efficiency natural gas central heating system or boiler AND a qualifying high-efficiency natural gas water heater

PLEASE NOTE: SJG rebate cannot be used in combination with financing offers.

Are you ready to upgrade and save? Contact SJG today. Be advised, these offers are only available until December 31, 2018 or when funds are exhausted. Don't delay!

Call toll free 855.678.5860 or visit www.SouthJerseyGas.com/incentives for financing and rebate information!

CUSTOMER REMINDER

HEAP Helps Pay Utility Bills

The Home Energy Assistance Program helps elderly, disabled and low-income residents pay their utility bills.

To qualify for HEAP you must:

- Be a New Jersey resident
- Pay heating and/or cooling costs to a fuel supplier
- Pay a landlord for fuel use or pay rent including these costs
- Have a personal income level that doesn't exceed 200% of the poverty level

Four types of HEAP payments exist:

- Automatic payments to Aid to Families with Dependent Children and Food Stamp recipients
- Emergency energy assistance
- Special energy assistance to other eligible households applying for assistance
- Medically necessary cooling assistance

To apply for HEAP, contact or visit your local Community Action Program agency.

For more information, call 1-800-510-3102.

Comfort Partners

The New Jersey Comfort Partners Program is a free energy saving and energy education program for qualified low-income customers.

They partner with you to help you save energy and money and make your home more energy efficient. Certified Building Performance Institute contractors will install energy saving measures in your home to help lower your energy bills. You will also be taught new ways to conserve energy and how to create an Action Plan to support your efforts.

Eligibility Requirements

The Comfort Partners Program is available to any New Jersey household with significant energy use, having an income at or below 225% of the federal poverty guidelines.

For more details or to apply online visit:

www.njcleanenergy.com/residential/programs/comfort-partners/comfort-partners