

Your Energy Connection



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Earn Money Back by Switching to Natural Gas

Rocky Mount Public Utilities (RMPU) offers a Natural Gas Incentive Program to encourage homeowners, builders, developers and general contractors to install natural gas appliances in new construction for residential, commercial and industrial buildings outside the City's electric territory. New construction includes additions and expansion projects that add new space to an existing structure. Customers converting or replacing an appliance to natural gas from a fuel source other than the City's electric system, such as propane, are also eligible for the incentive program.

Eligible Equipment

The following types of equipment are eligible for natural gas incentives when installed outside the City's electric territory or converted from a fuel source other than the City's electric service (e.g. propane):

- New installation of: water heater when installed in combination with natural gas as the primary heating source, clothes dryer, and cooking range
- Conversion or replacement* of: water heater, heating system(s), clothes dryer, and cooking range

**Replacement of existing natural gas appliances served by the City are not eligible for this program.*

Available Incentives

The following rebates* are available as an incentive for installing or converting appliances to natural gas:

Appliance	Incentive Amount
Water heater and heating system as primary heating source (new installation only)	\$300
Clothes dryer	\$50 (per appliance)
Cooking range	\$50 (per appliance)
Heating system (conversion or replacement only; excludes space heaters)	\$100 (per appliance)
Water heater (conversion or replacement only)	\$200 (per appliance)

**Rebate payments cannot be processed until all natural gas equipment installations pass the required local inspection process and RMPU sets the gas meter.*

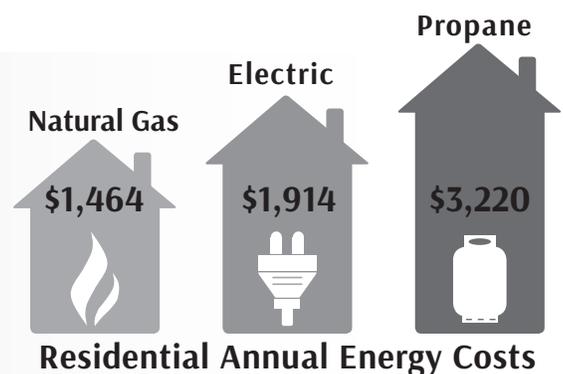
How to apply for the Natural Gas Incentive Program:

- Apply online at www.rockymountnc.gov/utilities/gasincentives.html
- Call (252) 972-1269

Make the Affordable Choice!

Households that use natural gas appliances for heating, water heating, cooking and clothes drying spend less than those using electricity or propane for the same applications. Start saving today! Call (252) 972-1250 to apply for natural gas service.

See the reverse side for a step-by-step guide on how to switch your home to natural gas.



Your Guide to Switching to Natural Gas

The following checklist will help guide you through the steps of switching your home to natural gas. **Numbers with a checkbox are the customer's responsibility. Numbers without a checkbox are RMPU's responsibility.**

1. Contact a licensed HVAC contractor to determine the cost and feasibility of switching to natural gas, whether installing new appliances or converting existing appliances.
2. Apply for natural gas service through Customer Service by calling (252) 972-1250 or visiting City Hall at 331 S. Franklin St. Online applications are available at www.rockymountnc.gov.
3. An RMPU representative will schedule an appointment with you to visit your property to determine the meter location and if any installation costs are required. Once the meter location is determined, an installation date will be set.
4. Confirm with your HVAC contractor who will obtain the mechanical permit. You are responsible for the cost of the permit.
5. RMPU will install a service line from the gas main to the meter location.
6. Your HVAC contractor will install gas lines from the meter location to the appliances.
7. Your HVAC contractor will install or convert the appliances to use natural gas.
8. RMPU will install the meter and turn the gas services on after the work passes inspection.

Save Money with Load Management

Sign up today! Load Management helps lower the cost of electricity citywide and allows customers to earn the following monthly credits on their electric bills:

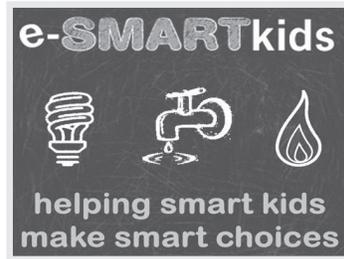
- Electric Water Heater: \$2.00 credit per month
- Electric Heat Strips: \$15.00 credit per month during three months of winter
- Central Air Conditioner: \$20.00 credit per month during three months of summer

For more information or to sign up for the Load Management Program, call (252) 467-4803 or visit www.rockymountnc.gov/utilities/loadmanagement.html.

Save the Date!

Mark your calendar for **Public Power and Public Natural Gas Week** on October 4-10, 2015! More information about events and activities will be coming soon in the September edition of *Your Energy Connection* newsletter.

e-SMARTkids Website Available for Kids, Parents and Teachers!



RMPU invites kids, parents and teachers to check out the fun, interactive website called e-SMARTkids. Becoming e-SMART means learning about electricity, natural gas, water and how to use

them safely and wisely. It also means learning how to use energy efficiently.

e-SMARTkids features fun facts, games, experiments, videos and activities. It gives parents the tools to encourage children to get involved in conservation and preservation. Teachers can use e-SMARTkids to reinforce classroom material and make lessons come alive by using the experiments, worksheets, and activities.

The e-SMARTkids website is a great resource and learning tool for both children and adults. Check it out at www.rockymount.e-smartonline.net!

How You Can Save Water

Did you know the average person uses approximately 60 gallons of water per day? That's more than enough to fill two bathtubs!

Visit the e-SMARTkids website for tips on how to save water, such as:

- Turn off faucets tightly so they don't drip.
- Scrape your dishes clean to reduce rinsing. Run the dishwasher only when it's full.
- Wash clothes only when you have a full load.
- Use a bucket to collect water from the faucet or shower while you're waiting for the water to heat up. The collected water can then be used for plants and clean-up jobs.



For more tips on how to use water wisely, visit e-SMARTkids at www.rockymount.e-smartonline.net.

