

6 Ways To Save On My Natural Gas Bill This Winter?

With the recent rise in Natural Gas prices here are some energy saving tips that could help keep cost down.

1. Aging Equipment

If you're running an old, inefficient boiler or heating system, it may be wasting much of the energy it produces. It may never have had top-notch efficiency to begin with, or it may have lost some capability with time and wear.

2. Poor Insulation

If your home has inadequate insulation, the hot air your natural gas heating system supplies will escape through cracks, doors, windows, and even the attic and garage. Addressing your home's insulation can help bring your bill down.

3. Blocked Vents and Impeded Airflow

The arrangement of the furniture and appliances in your home may block vents and restrict airflow. In this case, your natural gas heating system is likely working overtime because it's much more difficult to heat your home to a comfortable temperature.

4. Seasonal Heating Costs

In the winter, as the temperatures dip, your gas bill is likely to rise as you use more fuel for heating. You can't do much about the change in seasons, but weatherproofing your home can help keep your bill reasonable.

5. Wintertime Home Habits

Household habits may contribute to your high gas bill — even habits you wouldn't think could make much of a difference. Maybe you leave doors and windows open and let cool air into your home. Maybe you wear T-shirts around the house even when the weather is getting chilly, so you turn the thermostat up a little higher. Or maybe you

wear lots of layers and fill your hamper faster than you would in milder seasons, so you do more laundry and use more gas. Even using your fireplace regularly can strain your heating system because the fireplace is inefficient, and the heating system struggles to compensate.

6. High Water Temperature

If you're seeing surprising gas bills, one possibility to consider is that your water heater might be set too high. Water heaters come with a range of settings, and the higher ones tend to consume excessive energy and drive up the bill.