

# Natural Gas Today



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## THE WINTER NATURAL GAS OUTLOOK 2015 - 2016



**Great!** is the outlook for natural gas customers this winter in Middle Tennessee. Natural Gas rates to our customers are currently 12% lower than our rates one year ago, and are the lowest they have been since 1999.

Storage facilities across the country are filled to record levels and poised for winter deliveries. Natural Gas production levels are at all time highs with the United States of America now established as the largest natural gas producing country in the world. In the latest year of available annual statistics, the United States produced over 10% more natural gas than second place Russia, and over 686% more than Saudi Arabia. These factors have led to both stable and low natural gas prices for YOU, our customers.

Not only is pricing in a great place for you, natural gas continues to be the safest, environmentally friendliest, large scale energy source available. These factors and our made in America stability are drawing even our energy competitors to become large users of our premium product, natural gas.

The last two winters have been colder than normal in our Middle Tennessee service area. A return to more normal weather patterns this winter would produce reduced usages and even lower bills.

Have a great Winter!



**Jim Hodges**  
Executive Vice President  
& Chief Executive Officer

Middle Tennessee Natural Gas  
Utility District  
Rates Effective November 1, 2015:

Residential:

Customer Charge ..... \$ 7.00 / month  
All Gas ..... \$ 0.800 per therm

Small Commercial:

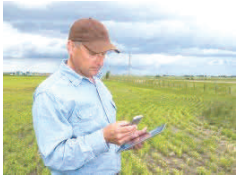
Customer Charge ..... \$ 16.00 / month  
All Gas ..... \$ 0.810 per therm

FUEL	AVERAGE MIDDLE TENNESSEE AREA PRICE	PRICE PER MILLION BTUs
Natural Gas	\$0.800 / therm Plus a \$7/month Customer Charge	\$ 8.00
Electricity	\$0.100 / kwh Plus a monthly Customer Charge	\$ 29.21
Propane	\$1.970 / gallon	\$ 21.46
Kerosene	\$4.339 / gallon	\$ 32.14
Gasoline	\$1.999 / gallon	\$ 15.99



Middle Tennessee Natural Gas Utility District's distribution system is made up of 3,500 miles of main lines and 60,000 service lines in 22 counties, and all are buried underground, making digging a dangerous proposition. Fortunately, you can find out where utility lines are buried on your property or in your planned work area by calling Tennessee 811. When you make that one call to TN811, they will notify member utilities, and a professional locator will be dispatched to mark the facilities free of charge.

Homeowners and contractors often make risky assumptions about whether or not they should get utility lines marked, but every excavation job requires a call - even "small" projects like planting trees and shrubs. Tennessee law requires that you give 72 hours notice (excluding weekends and holidays) before excavation begins.



## WHAT YOU DON'T SEE CAN HURT YOU CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

During excavation projects there are three (3) major factors to minimize the likelihood of damage to underground utilities.

- 1) **REQUEST** — The excavator must make a request 72 hours prior to excavation by contacting TN811.
- 2) **MARK** — The utility company must correctly mark the underground utility lines that may be in conflict with your planned project.
- 3) **CARE** — Care must be taken during the excavation to ensure workers' safety, protecting vital underground infrastructure, and safeguarding public safety during excavation activities.

Following these guidelines will reduce the probability of excavation damage to underground facilities. All underground facilities are vulnerable to excavation damage regardless of what product they carry. Natural gas piping is considered a high consequence of risk if damage should occur.

The Mission of Middle Tennessee Natural Gas Utility District is to support the growth of the communities we serve by providing safe, reliable, and competitive Natural Gas service.

**"Dig safely, because knowing what's below protects you and your family"**

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