



Construction Heat Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Is the builder still responsible for the hook up and operation of the construction heaters?

A. Yes. The heaters should be hooked up and operated according to code. This should not differ much from the propane heaters you currently use.

Q. Do any appliances have to be hooked up before the service line is installed and the meter is set?

A. No. The purpose of running the service line early is to allow the builder to use gas for construction heating purposes.

Q. What are the advantages of using natural gas over propane for construction heat?

A. Natural gas costs up to 50% less than propane. Unlike propane, you don't prepay for natural gas. You only pay for what you use. You have an unlimited supply of controlled heat. You never need to worry about running out of fuel in the middle of the night or over the weekend. There are no bulky tanks on your jobsite taking up space and getting in the way. You do not need to wait for your gas to be delivered. It is always there when you need it. Natural gas is safer than propane because it is lighter than air and dissipates whereas propane which is heavier than air will sink to the floor and "pool".

Q. How will the construction heat program differ from what we are currently doing to obtain gas service?

A. The difference is minimal. When ordering a new gas service, you need to specify that it is for construction heat. You still need to verify that the yard is within 6 inches of final grade and that the permanent inside piping is installed. However, no appliances need to be hooked up for us to set the meter.

Q. Are we limited to where the heaters can be placed?

A. No. The only requirement is that your flexible piping be no longer than 25 feet in length.

Q. How do I sign up to participate in the Citizens Gas construction heat program?

A. Any builder that builds homes in the Citizens Gas service area (Marion County or Westfield) can participate in our program. A residential construction heat agreement must be signed.

Q. Will the meter setting be permanent?

A. Yes. When the inspector comes to verify the property is ready it should be marked for the permanent meter setting.

Q. When can I request a meter for construction heat?

A. As soon as the yard is within 6 inches of final grade and permanent piping for the house lines is in place.

Q. If the furnace has been installed, can it be used instead of a construction heater?

A. It is not recommended since this type of usage may shorten the life of the furnace and/or void the warranty on the furnace.

Q. Will you run a temporary service line for construction heat on a total electric home?

A. No. Residential construction heat is only available on homes that include natural gas for permanent heating applications.