



## Performance Makes Natural Gas Preferred Home Fuel

Seven-out-of-ten new homeowners prefer the comfort and convenience of natural gas because it simply performs better in all home uses than other energy sources like electricity.

### Heat

- **Gas heat is warmer and more comfortable.** - A natural gas furnace provides heat that's 20-40 degrees warmer than an electric heat pump, which typically produces cool to lukewarm air at the heat register. So a home heated with gas will feel warmer than one heated with an electric heat pump.
- **Natural gas adds value to a home.** - Having natural gas raises the resale value of your home because surveys show that 7-out-of-10 homeowners prefer the comfort and convenience of natural gas.
- **Natural gas furnaces often last twice as long as electric heat pumps.** - Because they operate year-round for heating and cooling, electric heat pumps typically must be replaced in 10-12 years. By contrast, natural gas furnaces often last nearly 20 years.
- **Natural gas furnaces work better with a set-back or programmable thermostat than electric heat pumps.** - With a natural gas furnace you can turn down your heat when you're gone and when you return, the gas furnace will heat your home to a comfortable temperature much quicker than an electric heat pump that produces cool to lukewarm air.

### Cooking

- **9-out-of-10 chefs prefer natural gas stoves over electric.** - Gas stoves provide instant control of heat. So unlike an electric stove where you often must remove a pot of boiling water from the burner to prevent a mess, natural gas allows you to instantly reduce the heat.
- **Because you can clearly see the flame, natural gas cook tops are safer than electric cook tops.** - Many new electric stoves use



*Natural gas stoves are preferred because of instant heat control and enhanced safety compared to electric.*

ceramic cook tops that provide no warning that they are hot, except a small red light. This lack of warning is especially worrisome when you have small children in the home.

### Water Heating

- **Unlike electric water heaters, natural gas provides hot water when you need it and at a lower cost.** - So when someone in your family takes a long hot shower, the next person in the shower doesn't have to worry about a sudden rush of ice cold water like they would if the family had an electric water heater.

### Clothes Dryers

- Natural gas clothes dryers dry clothes faster and for less money than electric clothes dryers.

### Rebates Available

- For more information about the advantages of natural gas, including rebates for conversions, go to [citizensgas.com](http://citizensgas.com).



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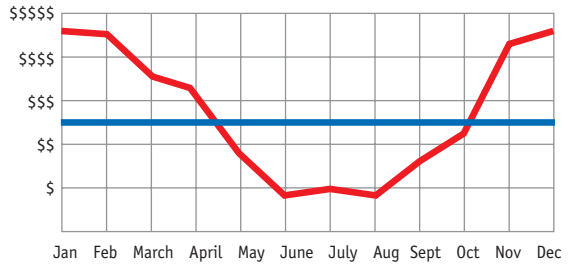
# Join Citizens Gas at Indiana Black Expo

Citizens Gas will be among many exhibitors at Indiana Black Expo's 35th Annual Summer Celebration July 7-17 at the RCA Dome and Convention Center. The Summer Celebration has been showcasing the achievements of African-Americans in the areas of culture, art, history and economics since 1971. Black Expo, Inc. is a year-round, multifaceted community service organization with 10 chapters around the State of Indiana.



## Budget Payment Plan Evens Out Cost of Winter Heating

When you join the Citizens Gas Budget Plan, you can pay the same amount each month to help spread out the cost of winter heating.



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## Carrots and Parsnips with California Pistachio Butter

Recipe courtesy of:

Rachel Nix, Dietician at St. Francis Medical & Surgical Weight Loss Center

### Ingredients:

- 2 cups julienned carrots
- 1 cup julienned parsnips
- 2 tbsp whipped butter, softened
- 1 tbsp chopped shelled pistachios
- 1/2 tsp lemon peel
- 1/2 tsp lemon juice
- 1/2 tsp honey

### Directions:

Steam carrots and parsnips 6-7 minutes or until crisp-tender. Meanwhile, combine butter, pistachios, lemon peel, lemon juice, and honey. Add pistachio butter to steamed vegetables; toss to coat. Garnish with additional pistachios, if desired.

(Makes 6 servings)

