



Prepare for Winter with Citizens Home Energy Advisor

Now is the time to weatherize your home to save money this winter, and the **Citizens Home Energy Advisor** at citizensgas.com can help.

After users answer a few questions about the size of their home and the appliances they use, the Citizens Home Energy Advisor provides comparisons that show how efficient their particular home is versus similar-sized homes in Indianapolis.

The tool also provides detailed suggestions on how they might reduce both gas and electric use in their particular home.

Among the information provided for each home are specific dollar savings opportunities from weatherization, water heating, lighting, heating and cooling. Citizens Home Energy Advisor will calculate savings for more than 40 different gas and electric appliances used in a particular home.



Low-Cost Tips to Save Energy

Dial it down - Turn your thermostat setting down to 65° F during the day, especially when you're not home. You may be able to set it even lower at night, but do not shut the furnace off if the temperature is expected to drop below 45 degrees that night. Under any conditions, keep thermostat adjustments to a minimum and do them gradually to give yourself time to adjust.

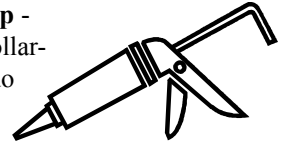
Check your furnace filter - A clean filter helps your furnace do its job more efficiently and effectively. So change the filter each time you pay your gas bill. (Never remove the filter without replacing it.)

Turn down your water heater thermostat - At 120° F your water heater will be more energy efficient than at higher temperatures and still produce enough hot water for daily needs.

Wrap your water heater - Wrap an insulating blanket around your water heater to keep the heat from escaping. You can also save on your water heating bill by insulating at least the first six feet of the hot water pipe and the first three feet of the cold water pipe that extends from your hot water tank.

Caulk and weather strip -

One of the quickest dollar-saving tasks you can do is to caulk, seal and weather strip where



drafts are detected such as seams, cracks and openings to the outside. The materials you need to caulk and weather strip are inexpensive and available at your local hardware store.

Check insulation - Make sure you have insulation in your attic, ceilings, exterior and basement walls, floors and crawl spaces. Adding insulation where it doesn't exist will create a more uniform temperature all yearlong.

Keep heat registers clear - Avoid blocking heat registers and air returns with furniture, draperies or rugs.

Let the sun help heat your home in cold weather

- Keep your window shades up on sunny days. One part of your home may get direct sunlight in the morning, another in the afternoon. Also, close your draperies or blinds at night to help insulate the window.



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Conservation Day 2005 at Indianapolis Zoo

Presented by Citizens Gas

What can you do to help save the environment? Find out at Conservation Day at the Indianapolis Zoo on Saturday, September 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., presented by Citizens Gas. Local conservation and wildlife organizations will display interactive exhibits to immerse both children and adults in a fun-filled learning experience. Also learn about the tremendous strides the Indianapolis Zoo has made in its wildlife conservation crusade. There will be games, special shows and chats, and lots of fun!

The highlight of Conservation Day will be a visit from Nancy Gibson, a consultant to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and a local television host in Minneapolis. Nancy is very active with conservation issues in the state of Minnesota and travels around the U.S. and abroad to work on and speak about wolf and other wildlife issues.



Wildlife expert Nancy Gibson will be the featured speaker at Conservation Day 2005 at the Indianapolis Zoo.

Universal Service Program Resumes in January

In January 2006, low-income customers who become eligible for financial assistance from the Indiana Energy Assistance Program (EAP) also will be automatically enrolled in the Universal Service Program (USP). When combined with other assistance, the USP will reduce the gas bills of eligible low-income customers 9-32 percent in 2006, depending on the family's income. Since January 2005, the USP has provided \$1.3 million in assistance to over 14,000 households and is expected to provide a total of \$2.1 million by the end of the year.

Those who qualify for the USP will see a "Universal Service Program Discount" on their gas bill, noting the exact USP discount applied to their bill. By continuing to pay their gas bill, USP participants will remain on the program through December 2006.

The USP is being offered as a two-year pilot program to approved EAP clients who receive natural gas service from either Citizens Gas or Vectren Energy Delivery. The utilities created the program in conjunction with the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC) and with approval from the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC).

Funding for the Citizens Gas USP will be provided first by the utility's various support programs, including its Warm Heart Warm Home™ assistance fund. Additional money, if needed, would be obtained from Citizens' annual Customer Benefit Distribution, which is funded by income from Citizens' unregulated subsidiaries.

Inquiries about the USP should be directed to Citizens Gas, 924-3311; CAGI, 396-1800; the OUCC, 1-(888) 441-2494; or the IURC, 1-(800) 851-4268.

Zabaglione

Recipe courtesy of Chef Scott Justvig
from The Corner Gourmet

Ingredients:

4 yolks of large eggs	Fresh strawberries
4 tablespoons sugar	Fresh blueberries
1 cup Marsala wine	

Directions:

Set up a double boiler. Place eggs in a bowl and add the sugar. Stir with a wooden spoon, always in the same direction, until the sugar is completely dissolved and the mixture lightens in color. Add the Marsala wine slowly, then transfer the egg mixture to the top of the double boiler. Heat over boiling water, stirring constantly, and always in the same direction, until the mixture thickens and sticks to the wooden spoon (4 to 5 minutes). Do not allow to boil! When the mixture has thickened, remove



the top pan of the double boiler, and keep stirring for another 2 to 3 minutes.

To cool the Zabaglione, cover it with lightly buttered waxed paper and let it cool for one hour at room temperature – then refrigerate until you are ready to serve. Serve in a glass over mixture of ½ fresh strawberries and ½ fresh blueberries

Note – For a creamier Zabaglione, whip one cup whipping cream with two tablespoons sugar and fold into the cooked custard.