

# CONSIDERING A SWITCH?



## A Helpful Tool to Calculate Your Costs

Switching to natural gas can provide energy savings with a convenient, versatile, and environmentally friendly energy source. When considering the switch to natural gas, you should be aware of the possible costs. These costs will vary based on the style of your home and your current heating system.

In general, there are some important pieces of information you should consider when determining the type and efficiency of the heating system you wish to purchase and the cost. In addition to your heating system, there may be other costs required in order for you to switch to natural gas. Please use this worksheet to help you keep track of the possible associated costs as well as the different quotes by contractor.

You may also want to consider the cost of new appliances if you choose to switch them to natural gas at the time of your gas service installation. You would need to purchase any desired appliances such as a stove, clothes dryer, or fireplace, and contract with your contractor to install them.

We recommend the following when receiving quotes from contractors:

The contractor should provide a written quote at no cost to you; the written quote should specify an expiration date when the quote will no longer be valid and should include the following:

- Confirmation that the equipment will be sized and installed in accordance with local, state codes, industry standards and manufacturer's guidelines, in compliance with federal, state, local laws, rules and regulations regarding hazardous materials inspection, removal and disposal.
- Contractor confirmation of a minimum one year warranty on equipment and installation at no additional cost to you.

Your contractor should also provide you with information on the following:

- Financing options
- Potential rebates provided by the State, natural gas and electric utilities, manufacturers, and the installing contractor
- Potential tax credits

Before you accept a quote, we encourage you to ask to see the installing contractor's license and confirm that it is current. All license information can be verified at the state of Connecticut's website: [www.elicense.ct.gov](http://www.elicense.ct.gov). You should also check the contractor's references from prior customers and their rating and feedback with the CT Better Business Bureau at <http://ct.bbb.org> and the CT Department of Consumer Protection [www.ct.gov/dcp](http://www.ct.gov/dcp).

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	Contractor 1	Contractor 2	Contractor 3
<b>Heating System Equipment Information</b>			
Heating equipment brand			
Heating equipment model number			
Heating equipment AFUE rating	%	%	%
<b>Water Heating System Equipment Information</b>			
Water heater brand			
Water heater model number			
Water heater energy factor (EF)			
Water heater type (storage, on demand, etc.)			
<b>Itemized Costs (Some may not be applicable to your home or system)</b>			
a) Heating system equipment	\$	\$	\$
b) Water heater equipment	\$	\$	\$
c) Duct/piping modifications	\$	\$	\$
d) Chimney lining	\$	\$	\$
e) Required venting	\$	\$	\$
f) Required wiring	\$	\$	\$
g) Pump(s)	\$	\$	\$
h) Labor	\$	\$	\$
i) Permit costs	\$	\$	\$
j) Applicable taxes	\$	\$	\$
k) Delivery costs	\$	\$	\$
l) Removal and disposal of existing heating equipment	\$	\$	\$
m) Removal and disposal of existing water heater	\$	\$	\$
n) Removal of oil or propane tank	\$	\$	\$
o) Subtotal of costs (add lines a–n)	\$	\$	\$
p) Available Rebates	\$	\$	\$
Total cost of equipment minus rebates (subtract line p from o)	\$	\$	\$

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