



# The ERPUD Underground

"Fuel for Thought"

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Elk River Public Utility District – "Your Hometown Natural Gas Provider Since 1955."  
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**1/2 OFF TAP FEE!**

## Tell Your Neighbors!

We are offering 1/2 OFF the price of any new residential or small commercial natural gas tap! The Standard Tap Fee is \$250 for up to 100' of service.

Applications received April 1<sup>st</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup> will **save \$125** off the Standard Tap Fee.

An additional meter connection fee will apply.

Please call for details.

## SPECIAL PROMOTION! April - July 2002

Make the most of your natural gas service by taking advantage of our special offers. Now is the time to make the switch from electricity to gas! You will realize year-round savings and efficiency *and* you can start your savings with our rebate program! April 1<sup>st</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup> we plan to **DOUBLE** the **REBATES** for qualifying natural gas appliance installations!

During this special, new applications for natural gas service will be able to save 1/2 off the normal tap fee! Share the advantage of natural gas comfort and efficiency with your friends and neighbors.

*Your Business is Appreciated!*

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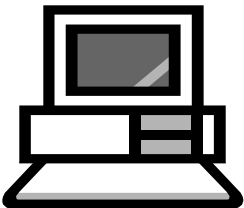
Great information and a new look!

Need to know more about natural gas, rates, or services?

Want to make a suggestion?

You're just a click away!

Visit our website!



# DOUBLE REBATES\$!! DOUBLE REBATES\$!!

Double Rebates will apply to qualifying installations of the following natural gas appliances:

WATER HEATERS  
OUTDOOR LIGHTING  
DRYERS  
RANGES



\$150	\$300
\$100	\$200
\$25	\$50
\$25	\$50

This special offer is good April 1<sup>st</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup> 2002 and applies to qualifying appliance installations completed or requested by this date. We offer professional installations of most natural gas appliances & free safety inspections of installations completed by your contractor. Please call for additional details.

# Year-round vs. Heat Only Residential Usage

Make the most of your natural gas service by using it year-round! Not only will you realize monthly energy savings, but you can also qualify for our lower year-round rate. If your current usage is residential and for heat only (i.e., logs, space heater, central heating) you can qualify for our year-round rate by having any year-round appliance installed. Year-round appliances include: natural gas water heaters, outdoor lights, ranges, grills, & dryers. Some of these appliances will also qualify for rebates. Call for details.

## Shower Power!

- ◆ Does your family fight over who showers first?
- ◆ Still playing beat the clock rushing to rinse before the hot water runs out?
- ◆ When the power is off are you just out of luck?

### What are you waiting for?

Don't send your dollars down the drain; invest in a dependable natural gas water heater today!

- ◆ **More hot water!**
- ◆ **In less time!**
- ◆ **For less expense!**



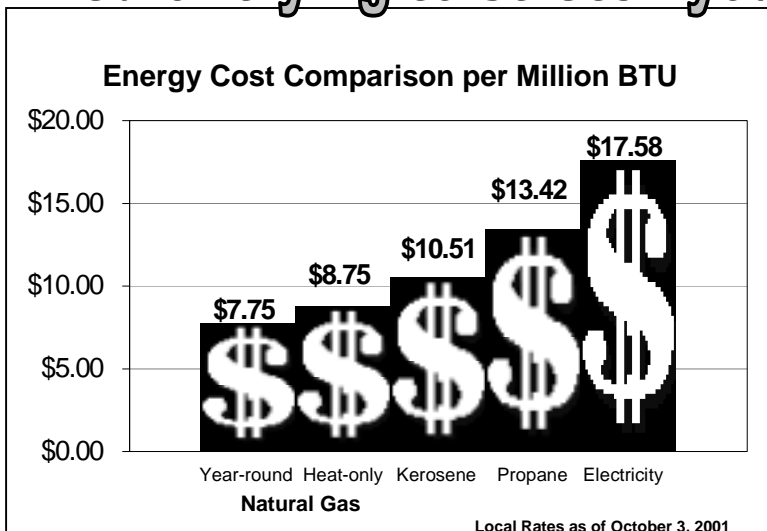
**Notice a credit on your gas bill? That's the PGA (purchased gas adjustment)! You are receiving that credit due to the cost of gas falling below ERPUD's annual base cost. We're glad to pass the savings on to you!**

### Billing Schedule for Natural Gas Usage

<i>If You Live In:</i>	<i>Mailing Date</i>	<i>Due Date*</i>
Manchester / Hillsboro	6 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>
Winchester	11 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Tullahoma (T-1 / West)	16 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>
Cowan / Estill Springs / Decherd	24 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
Tullahoma (T-2 / East)	End of Month	10 <sup>th</sup>
Sewanee / University of the South	End of Month	11 <sup>th</sup>
St. Andrews / Industrials	End of Month	11 <sup>th</sup>
Interruptible / Metered LP	End of Month	11 <sup>th</sup>

\*To avoid interruption of service your payment must be postmarked or received in our office by the due date. Failure to receive bill does not release customer from payment obligation.

## Tired of trying to stretch your energy budget?



As a natural gas customer, you already know the benefits of natural gas and we appreciate your business! Take full advantage of your natural gas service by using gas year-round.

Install a natural gas water heater or outdoor light today! Not only will you save on your monthly fuel expenses, you may also qualify for a rebate of at least \$100.00!

**Call our office for details!**

## Don't spend big bucks on energy!

# C onstruction

*Please pardon our progress.*

We are continuously expanding and improving our service area to accommodate the demand for natural gas energy. We install approximately 25-30 miles of main extensions and replacements annually.

## Clean up

After a new main or service is installed, you can rest assured that you'll see us again! Weather permitting, we will return within 4 to 6 weeks to perform clean up and restoration of any areas affected by the installation of natural gas lines. Should further settling occur, please feel free to notify us and we'll gladly return!

# Natural Gas Pipeline Projects

**Growing to serve you better!**

## Coffee County

Century Street / Oakdale Street	In Progress
Doak Road	Completed!
Raven Street/ Rye Street	In Progress
Wayside Road Area	In Progress

## Franklin County

Hurricane Trace	Completed!
Rogers Haven	In Progress

## Notable Quotable

*"Well done is better than well said."*

*"Never confuse motion with action."*

**Ben Franklin**

# Grill with Safety!



- Always open grill lid before lighting
- If grill does not have an igniter, light match or lighter before turning gas supply on
- If grill has igniter and will not light after repeated striking, igniter may need to be replaced – in the meantime, you may proceed to light grill manually with match or lighter
- Periodically clean lava rocks and burner ports
- Periodically check piping connections for leaks
- After use, see that all valves are turned to the off position

## Light up the Grill!

### Grilled Salmon with Mushrooms

- 8 T. olive oil
- ½ lb. chanterelles or regular button mushrooms cut into ½ inch cubes
- 6 pieces salmon or rockfish, skinned fillets or steaks (6 to 8 oz. each)

In a 12-inch frying pan combine 2 T. olive oil and mushrooms. Stir occasionally over high heat until mushrooms are lightly browned. Coat both sides of the fish with olive oil. Place the fish on a hot grill 4 to 6 inches above the heat. To gauge grill temperature, when you can hold your hand at grill level only 2 to 3 seconds, it's ready. Cook, turning once, until fish is no longer translucent in thickest part (cut to test), approximately 4 to 5 minutes per side. Add salt and pepper to taste, serve with sautéed mushrooms. *Enjoy!*



Serves 6

**Calling all Cooks!**  
**What's cooking at your house?**

**Free Potholders for each recipe submission!**

**While supplies last.**

If you have a favorite recipe that you would like to share mail it to:

**ERPUD (recipe)**  
P.O. Box 970  
Tullahoma, TN 37388

Submissions will be selected randomly. Please include your address to receive your free potholder!

**tip:** For a fresh and easy side dish, toss seasonal veggies with a simple vinaigrette or your favorite Italian style dressing and place in a foil pouch, then grill along with the fish turning once during cooking. Use care when opening, contents will be steaming hot!

Do your home improvements include adding trees and shrubs to your landscape or installing a new fence or pool? If so, please remember to:



**CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!**

**1-800-351-1111**

**TENNESSEE ONE –CALL SYSTEM, INC.**

***How are we doing?***

Are you pleased with the service you receive from Elk River Public Utility District? That's our goal.

If you have suggestions for improving our service, we'd like to hear them. Please call, write, or email us with your ideas.

***Special Dates:***

In observance of the holidays, our offices will be closed:

**Good Friday**  
*Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>*

**Memorial Day**  
*Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>*

**Other Dates of note:**

**Daylight Savings Time Begins**  
*Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>*  
Clocks "Spring" forward One Hour

**Remember Mom!**  
**Mother's Day,**  
*Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>*

**New Look – Same Great Service!**

If you've visited us recently, you may have noticed some changes. The customer service areas in each office have been updated in an effort to provide you with optimal service while adding to the security of our employees and our facilities. Although our look has changed, we still offer the same great hometown service that you're used to!

**We look forward to seeing you!**

**Please let us know what you think. As always, we appreciate the opportunity to serve you and welcome your ideas and suggestions.**

**Management**

Mack Hulvey  
*General Manager*

Mike Gundersen  
*Manager of Marketing*

Eddie Moffitt  
*Manager of Operations*

Stacey L. Duckworth  
*Comptroller*

**Commissioners**

John Greeter	Manchester
George Orr	Tullahoma
Cowan Simmons	Winchester

**Smell Gas?**  
**Call 455-9311**  
**or 967-2110**

**Your Safety is**  
**our Priority**

**24-Hour Emergency Service**

Our trained technicians are available to assist you with natural gas leaks, disturbed or broken gas lines, equipment problems, carbon monoxide calls, and other potential natural gas emergencies that may arise.

**Peace of Mind**  
**Since 1955**

**24-Hour**  
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