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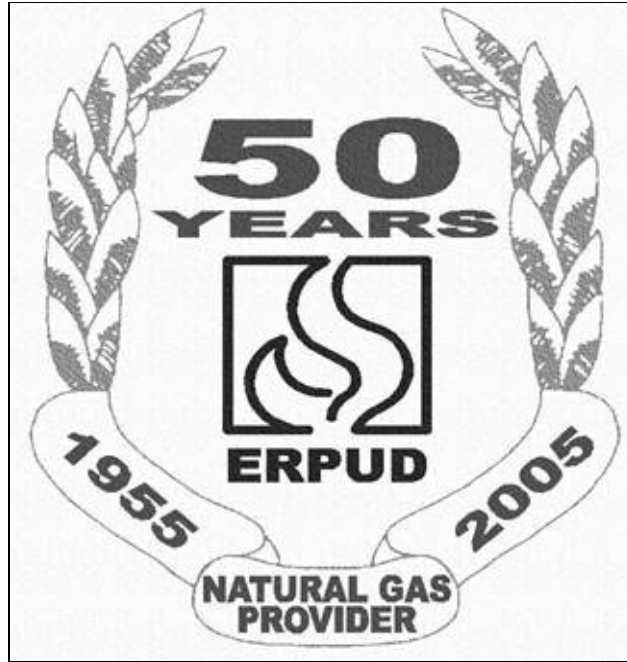
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Your Business is Appreciated!

Beginning July 1, 2005, the Purchase Gas Adjustment (PGA) will no longer appear as a separate line item on your gas bill due to a computer change. Any questions you may have concerning the computation of your gas bill should be directed to our Customer Service Department.



Effective July 1, 2005, Elk River Public Utility District's base rate charge for natural gas will be increased by 5% as approved by the Board of Commissioners May 25, 2005. A copy of our new rates may be obtained at any of our three locations.

Come and join us as we celebrate our 50th anniversary. On July 20, 2005, we will be having our Customer Appreciation Day at the Tullahoma office. and on September 21, 2005, we will be celebrating at the Manchester office.

Food, fun, and prizes are on the menu. We will be drawing for prizes throughout the day topped off with a Broilmaster grill as the grand prize. The fun starts at 11:00 and lasts until 2:00.

SAVE NOW WITH DOUBLE REBATES!!

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

WATER HEATERS	\$150	\$300
OUTDOOR LIGHTING	\$100	\$200
DRYERS	\$25	\$50
RANGES	\$25	\$50

This special offer is good **NOW through August 31st 2005** 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.

10 Things To Know Before You Buy A Residential Water Heater!

1. Up To 30% Of Your Energy Cost!

Your water heater is second only to your home's heating and cooling system in energy costs (as much as 30% of the monthly bill), yet it is the lowest priced of any major home appliance. That is why selecting the right water heater for your family's lifestyle is so important in reducing your monthly energy bill. Your decision should boil down to the lowest cost hot water - not the lowest price water heater. A water heater with the right tank capacity, insulation, BTU output and anti-corrosion protection can save you hundreds of dollars over the life of your new water heater.

2. Limefighter Adds Life, Saves Energy \$.

Minerals within almost all water (especially lime) can lead to corrosive sediment build-up inside the water heater tank. Sediment corrosion is the leading cause of tank leaks, reduces available hot water and increases energy costs. American Water Heater Company offers its exclusive Limefighter™ Self-Cleaning Feature which helps to prevent minerals from attaching to the tank walls. Investing a few dollars in Limefighter™ can add years of life to your new water heater and maintain its money saving energy efficiency.

3. Check That Yellow Label.

The yellow label on each water heater tank is required by Federal law to apprise consumers of their annual energy cost of operation based on average utility rates. The label also rates the model's energy efficiency ranking compared to comparable models with the same energy output. The label can be a helpful tool in selecting the right water heater for low cost hot water.

4. Read It. Follow It Carefully.

Every homeowner should carefully read all water heater installation instructions prior to removing their existing water heater. Many consumers rely on a professional plumber to ensure their new water heater is properly installed.

5. Absolutely Never, Ever, Ever.

NEVER store materials which emit flammable vapors in a room where a gas-fired water heater is operating. Household items, such as gasoline, paint thinner, aerosol cans, lighter fluid, etc., emit invisible vapors. These vapors may travel through the room and come in contact with the pilot light or burner of the water heater and result in a quick spreading fire. NEVER, store these materials near a water heater and ALWAYS tightly seal any container used for storing such materials.

6. Keep It At 120°.

Children should never be left unattended at bath time because that is where most scalding tragedies occur. Our water heater thermostats are preset to the maximum safe hot water temperature of 120°F. The water heater's adjustable thermostat can be lowered to reduce the possibility of scalding and lower energy costs.

7. Prevent The Hassle.

Replace It Now. Replacing your old water heater with a new, more efficient model can considerably cut your energy bill. If you have recently purchased an older home, replacing your water heater now, before you face the inconvenience of a leaking or inoperable water heater, can offer big energy savings paybacks.

8. Bigger Family? Bigger Tank Size.

New additions to your family's size or a new whirlpool tub or dishwasher are all reasons to increase the tank capacity of your new water heater. If you are currently running out of hot water during peak usage, it is a good indication that a move up in size is necessary.

9. Faster Is Better.

Pay attention to the recovery and first hour ratings (appearing on the yellow label of the water heater) when selecting a new water heater. Recovery is the model's ability to replenish hot water as it is drawn from the tank. First hour output is an estimate of how much hot water will be produced during the first hour of peak usage. Choosing the best recovery and first hour ratings of your new water heater helps ensure you'll never experience the shock of a cold water shower.

10. Keep An Eye On Efficiency.

You can further reduce your energy bill by always washing full loads in your dishwasher and clothes washer. Wash clothes in cold water whenever possible. The average American family uses 23,000 gallons of hot water each year. Pay attention to your hot water usage and you'll save on your monthly energy bill.

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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

Creeside Manor	Done
Indian Springs	Done
Settlers Point	Done
Williamsburg Estates	Done

Franklin County

Blue Springs	Done
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Notable Quotable

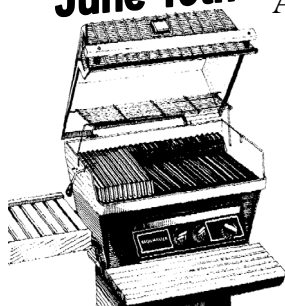
Don't knock the weather; nine-tenths of the people couldn't start a conversation if it didn't change once in a while.

SAFE CLEAN EFFICIENT DEPENDABLE ECONOMICAL

Don't forget Father's Day!

June 19th

Ask about our selection of natural gas grills:



We offer durable **BROILMASTER®** Grills.

Great grilling - no bottles to change or ashes to remove!!

Broilmaster: the most durable grill known to man.

Kitchen Creations



WHAT'S COOKING AT YOUR HOUSE?

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 name so that we may recognize your entry.

Thank You For Choosing Clean, Efficient, Natural Gas!

Easy Lemon Freeze (Makes 9 Servings)

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| 2 tablespoons butter or margarine | ½ cup ReaLemon Reconstituted |
| 1 cup graham cracker crumbs | Lemon Juice |
| 1 (21 oz) can lemon pie filling | 1 1/2 tsp whipped topping |
| 1 can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk | Lemon slices, optional |

In a small saucepan, melt butter: stir in crumbs. Reserving 1 tablespoon for garnish, pat crumbs on bottom of buttered 8x8 baking pan. In a medium bowl combine pie filling, sweetened condensed milk, and lemon juice. Mix until smooth. Spread into prepared pan. Top with whipped topping and reserved crumbs. Freeze 3 hours. If desired, garnish with lemon slices before serving. Enjoy!

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:

Flag Day

Tuesday, June 14th

Father's Day

Sunday, June 19th

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

Independence Day

Monday, July 4th

&

Labor Day

Monday, Sept. 5th

What's that smell?

By itself, natural gas is odorless, colorless and tasteless. For your safety we add an odorant that makes it easy to detect gas leaks from pipes or appliances. This odor is commonly described as smelling like rotten eggs.

IF YOU THINK YOU SMELL GAS REPORT IT IMMEDIATELY!

If the odor is strong and/or you hear a hissing sound:

EXTINGUISH ANY OPEN FLAME

DO NOT OPERATE ELECTRICAL SWITCHES

This includes your telephone.

EVACUATE THE BUILDING

Leave the doors open.

CALL FROM A NEIGHBOR'S HOME

Management

Mack Hulvey
General Manager

Mike Gundersen
Manager of Marketing

Eddie Moffitt
Manager of Operations

Stacey L. Duckworth
Comptroller

Commissioners

John Greeter

George Orr

Cowan Simmons

Manchester

Tullahoma

Winchester

Smell Gas?

**Call 455-9311
or 967-2110**

**Your Safety is
our Priority**

24-Hour Emergency Service

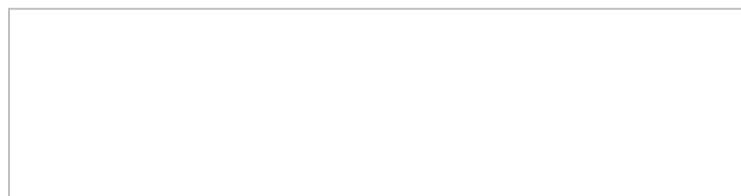
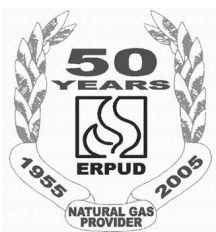
Our trained technicians are available to assist you with natural gas leaks, disturbed or broken gas lines, equipment problems, carbon monoxide calls, and other potential natural gas emergencies that may arise.

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Since 1955**

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Emergency
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