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SPRING INTO INNOVATION WITH THE GAS COMPANYSM

This spring customers of The Gas Company ask: Can we be financially savvy and make our world cleaner and greener? The answer is yes! At The Gas Company, our renewable energy, energy-efficiency, natural gas vehicles, and sustainability programs are leading the way for a cleaner, more sustainable future. We are committed to the research and development of innovative environmental technology, while being a responsible steward of our limited natural resources. As the nation's largest natural gas distribution utility, we actively minimize our impact on air and water quality, sensitive habitats and natural resources.

NATURAL GAS: DID YOU KNOW?

It warms your home, cooks your food and is the energy-efficient, clean-burning fuel supply for local industry in Southern California. Natural gas is the pride of The Gas Company: it is cleaner and less expensive than gasoline or diesel. But The Gas Company's commitment to this abundant and inexpensive, energy solution goes way beyond the pipeline. Our customers, from homeowners and tenants to fleet operators, know they are saving money and helping the environment when they make the switch to natural gas. And, because they need a reliable fuel supply, customers have come to rely on The Gas Company's technical expertise and natural gas service for more than 140 years!

Did You Know That Natural Gas is the Fuel of Choice for:

- Millions of residential customers of The Gas Company. Natural gas provides residential customers with cheaper, cleaner energy for heating their homes, cooking their food, and running their appliances.
- Thousands of natural gas vehicle (NGV) owners throughout the world. Ninety Eight percent of The Gas Company customers surveyed state they are happy with their decision to purchase an NGV.
- Passenger bus fleets throughout the world including more than 2,250 Metro buses in Southern California alone. Natural gas buses have enabled L.A.'s transit giant to reduce cancer-causing particulates by 98 percent, carbon monoxide by 80 percent and greenhouse gas emissions by about 150 metric tons per day since switching from diesel to natural gas.
- More than 400 Los Angeles School District (LAUSD) natural gas school buses. Natural gas buses have enabled LAUSD to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 2,595 metric tons, a 7.5 percent reduction, as of 2007.
- Commercial trucking fleets nationwide and throughout Southern California. Natural gas trucks reduce vehicle carbon monoxide emissions by 90 to 97 percent and carbon dioxide emissions by as much as 25 percent.



CAN ALGAE REALLY REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS?

It may sound like science fiction, but beginning last year, the combined efforts of The Gas Company and Scripps Institution of Oceanography at University of California San Diego has helped make an unusual technical innovation a reality. The two institutions worked collaboratively to design a unique, green, energy-production system. The system will use algae to consume carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions from natural gas combustion and cost-effectively convert the algae into valuable byproducts such as biomethane, biodiesel and animal feed.

Our efforts to capture and reuse CO₂ range from algae to rocket technology. The new partnership will also be conducting an investigative research and systems engineering study to explore how algae production systems currently in development could most effectively capture industrial CO₂ emissions, including natural gas power plants, natural gas compression equipment, water pumps and boilers. Just north of Bakersfield, The Gas Company's technology partner is testing the first natural gas power plant with 100 percent CO₂ capture. So, Sci-Fi fans take note: What was once thought of as being pure science fiction is happening now, right here at The Gas Company.

NATURAL GAS VEHICLES: GREAT INCENTIVES. BIG SAVINGS.

If you drive a natural gas vehicle (NGV) you can get access to the carpool lane as a solo driver, reduce your carbon footprint and dramatically lower your fuel costs. Now, two new incentive programs are making the cost and convenience of owning an NGV even more enticing.

Purchase a new 2012 Honda Civic natural gas vehicle, while supplies last, and receive a \$3,000 compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicle fuel card for use at Clean Energy CNG stations or a \$2,000 debit card that can be used at any local CNG station. After that, the price can be around \$2.10* per gallon (gasoline equivalent) for CNG. For details, visit automobiles.honda.com/civic-natural-gas/incentives.aspx

Refueling your NGV at home has also become more affordable and convenient. There is a \$1000 federal tax credit and The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) is offering a \$2000** incentive for a natural gas home refueling appliance (HRA). The "Phill" HRA is available from Mansfield Gas Equipment Services. For eligibility details or more information, visit mansfieldgasequipment.com

*Source: AFDC Annual Fuel Price Report, Jan. 2013. Prices vary month-to-month.
**Until funding is no longer available.



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VEHÍCULOS DE GAS NATURAL: MAGNÍFICOS INCENTIVOS. GRANDES AHORROS.

Conducir un vehículo de gas natural (VGN) puede disminuir el tiempo que pasa en el tráfico, reducir su huella de carbono y recortar drásticamente sus costos de combustible. Ahora, dos nuevos programas de incentivos están haciendo que el costo y la comodidad de tener un VGN sean aún más atractivos.

Compre un vehículo de gas natural Honda Civic 2012 nuevo, mientras duren las existencias, y reciba una tarjeta de combustible con valor de \$3,000 para vehículos de gas natural comprimido (GNC) para usarse en estaciones de GNC Clean Energy o una tarjeta de débito con valor de \$2,000 que puede usarse en cualquier estación de GNC de la localidad. Después de eso, puede anticipar que el GNC le va a costar aproximadamente \$2.10* por galón (equivalente). Para detalles, visite automobiles.honda.com/civic-natural-gas/incentives.aspx***

Reabastecer su vehículo de gas natural en casa también se ha vuelto más económico y cómodo. Ay un crédito al impuesto federal de \$1000 y también el Distrito para el Manejo de la Calidad del Aire de la Costa Sur (AQMD, por sus siglas en inglés) en la compra de un aparato de reabastecimiento de gas natural en casa (HRA, por sus siglas en inglés). El "Phill" HRA se puede comprar en Mansfield Gas Equipment Services. Para los requisitos de participación o para obtener más información, visite mansfieldgasequipment.com***

*Fuente: AFDC Annual Fuel Price Report, Enero 2013. Los precios varían mes por mes.
**Los incentivos se ofrecerán hasta que se agoten los fondos.
*** Información disponible sólo en Inglés

GAS NATURAL: ¿SABÍA USTED QUE?

Calienta la casa, cocina la comida y es la fuente de abastecimiento de combustible eficiente en energía y de combustión limpia de la industria local del sur de California. El gas natural es el orgullo de The Gas Company: es más limpio y menos costoso que la gasolina o el diésel. Pero el compromiso de The Gas Company con esta solución energética abundante y barata va más allá de la tubería. Nuestros clientes, desde el propietario y los inquilinos de una casa hasta los operadores de flotas, saben que están ahorrando dinero y ayudando al medio ambiente cuando cambian a gas natural. ¡Y en virtud de que necesitan una fuente de abastecimiento de combustible confiable, han llegado a confiar de la pericia técnica y el servicio de gas natural de The Gas Company por más de 140 años!

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