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Natural Gas News

LET US HELP YOU BUDGET!

Would you like to know exactly what your natural gas bill will be each month, even before it arrives? What if you could pay the same monthly amount on your natural gas bill year-round, much like your car payment or mortgage? At Zia Natural Gas, we can help you do that with our Budget Payment Plan.

Here's how it works; we add up your natural gas bills for one year and then divide that amount by 12. This amount becomes your monthly payment each month, every month, with no fluctuation. Then, each October, we recalculate your budget payment amount based on your actual usage, taking into account any outstanding balance or credit, and send you a letter with your new budget amount for the next 12 months. That amount is "locked in" for a full year. You will still receive monthly statements from Zia Natural Gas showing your actual usage and your account balance.

Use the form at the bottom of this page to sign up for our Budget Payment Plan. Simply check YES when you fill out the form and mail it back to us or bring it into one of our offices.

Note: To enroll in the Budget Payment Plan, your account must be at a zero balance, and you must have at least 12 months of billing history at your service location.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

We occasionally need to contact our customers with important information. If there is a service interruption and we need to re-light pilots, or if there is an emergency situation that our customers need to be informed about, having the correct contact information is crucial. Please take a few moments to fill out our Customer Contact Information sheet below and simply mail it back to us or drop it by our office the next time you stop in.

LIHEAP: Notice of Winter Shut-Off Protection

Protection from winter shut-off begins November 15, 2025. To avoid potential disconnection of services, please contact the Human Services Department at 800-283-4465, or the appropriate tribal or pueblo entity, for eligibility information for the LIHEAP program. Your service will not be disconnected from November 15, 2025 through March 15, 2026 if you meet the qualifications of LIHEAP and have no past due amounts or remain current on any installment agreements for amounts due as of November 15, 2025.

Members of New Mexico's tribes or pueblos who need help with translation or with other matters may contact the commission's consumer relations division at 888-427-5772, who will contact the appropriate tribal or pueblo official for assistance.

For a LIHEAP application, please visit www.hsd.state.nm.us.

YES, please enroll me immediately in the budget payment plan!

NO, I do not want to be enrolled in the budget program, I am providing the information below ONLY to update my account.

Telephone

Primary _____

Secondary _____

Name (please print) _____

Physical Address _____

Mailing Address _____

(if different than Physical Address)

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Account Number _____ Signature _____

Please detach and mail or deliver this form to your local Zia Natural Gas Company office listed on the reverse side.

SCAN TO PAY



EASY ACCESS PROVIDED TO YOU.

SCAN THE PROVIDED QR CODE TO PAY YOUR ZIA GAS UTILITY BILL IN MINUTES!

Fun Facts About Natural Gas!

Natural gas was first used for cooking in Persia starting in the first century AD. Since pipes didn't exist yet, the king of Persia built his royal kitchen next to a natural gas fissure to use as his own personal stove.

RECIPE: Dark Chocolate Zucchini Sheet Cake

Ingredients:

- ½ cup butter
- ½ cup applesauce
- 1 ¼ cups sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 2 eggs
- ½ cup plain yogurt
- 2 ½ cups flour
- ¾ cup cocoa powder
- 3 cups shredded zucchini, undrained



Directions:

1. Preheat your gas oven to 325 degrees and spray a 9x13 pan with cooking spray.
2. In a mixing bowl, beat together butter, sugar, applesauce, and vanilla until smooth.
3. Beat in eggs one at a time.
4. In another bowl, mix together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, and cocoa.
5. Add the mixed dry ingredients and yogurt to the wet mixture. Stir in zucchini.
6. Pour batter into the cake pan and bake for 30-45 minutes or until knife inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean.

Community Calendar



Ruidoso

October 10th-12th Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium at the Ruidoso Downs Racetrack. Old West storytellers, musicians, artists, horse demonstrations, swing dancing, kids rodeo, and chuckwagon competition. VisitRuidoso.com for more information.

October 25th Fort Stanton Trick or Treat Trail at the Fort Stanton Historical Site. 4:30pm-6:30pm, event is free.

October 29th Midtown Trick or Treat & Pumpkin Roll in Midtown Ruidoso. 3pm-6:30pm.

Hobbs

October 18th, 24th and 25th Community Players of Hobbs 15th Annual Haunted House. This year's theme is FunHouse of the Dead. 1700 N Grimes St in Hobbs. Admission is \$15.

October 31st Creepy Crawly Cinema at the Lea Theatre, 106 E Central Ave in Lovington. Spooky movie, concession stand, costume contest, and kid activities. 6pm-8pm. Admission is free.

Reminder: This section is for local, non-partisan, non-religious, non-profit messages. Preference given to nonprofits. Submit by the 10th to customerservice@zngc.com for inclusion in next month's edition. Thank you!

Las Cruces

October 25th Halloween Haunted House and Carnival in Old Mesilla. Bring the family and enjoy the Halloween Carnival at Mesilla Plaza on Calle Principal. Admission is free.

October 25th Zombie Walk Las Cruces with Caliente Band, 100 N Main St, Las Cruces. 6pm-10pm.

November 25th Dona Ana County IRP Presentation – Dona Ana County Commission Meeting. Join Zia for the presentation of its Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) to discuss Zia's existing gas supply planning and future supply needs. 9am at the Dona Ana County Government Center, 845 N Motel Blvd in Las Cruces. ***Date Change-original meeting scheduled for Nov. 11th has been cancelled***

Maxwell/Springer/Cimarron

October 25th Fall Festival in Maxwell at the Maxwell High School Gym. Early Bird Bingo starts at 1pm. Concessions, bouncy house, cake walk and games. Presented by the Maxwell High School Juniors and Seniors.

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