

Natural Gas News



Zia Natural Gas would like to congratulate the Class of 2026. Your hard work and dedication will be the foundation of our future.

Zia Natural Gas provides a scholarship program for High School graduates. Please see the following 2026 Zia Natural Gas Scholarship Recipients.

*Cimarron High School: Henry Werhane
Springer High School: Olivia Burton
Gadsden High School: Jesus Del Real
Carrizozo High School: Patrick Avila
Ruidoso High School: Marlen Gonzales
Colfax County: Kyanna Rodriguez
Dona Ana County: Christopher Chase
Lincoln County: Bailey Rogers*



Zia Natural Gas would like to wish you a very happy Father's Day!



Affordable Natural Gas Energizes the Commercial Market

Small businesses and the jobs and families they support are America's economic engine. They depend on the affordable natural gas delivered by natural gas utilities.

Natural Gas Fuels Businesses

More than 5.6 million businesses and buildings in the United States use natural gas. It's used every day in schools, hospitals, police and fire stations, offices, restaurants, grocery stores, retail outlets and public spaces. They are the core to the U.S. energy economy and fundamental to our daily lives.

How Do Businesses Use Natural Gas?

- In the United States, commercial primary energy use was 4,868 trillion Btu (British Thermal Unit) in 2022. While total energy use in the U.S. was 31,088 trillion Btu. This includes 3,633 trillion Btu of the 4,868 trillion Btu which was provided by natural gas.
- Natural gas consumption in the U.S. commercial sector exceeded 3.6 trillion cubic ft (Tcf) in 2022.
- Prices for commercial customers are impacted by similar factors as residential customers with the commodity cost of natural gas contributing the biggest impact to customer prices.
- The share of commercial buildings that use natural gas has remained relatively constant across the entire commercial building fleet, suggesting that commercial natural gas growth closely mirrors the rate of growth across the entire commercial building market.

Appliance and Building Codes and Standards

Codes and standards play a critical role in helping ensure that natural gas application in the commercial sector is installed and operated safely and reliably. Each state, and often local governments within each state, determine which codes and standards apply to their commercial occupancies. Building efficiency standards affect how a structure is designed and built, and its lifetime energy usage. While there are various state and commercial building construction efficiency regulations in use around the country, ASHRAE standard 90.1 *Energy Standard for Buildings Except Low-Rise Residential Buildings*, is the most widely adopted minimum.

Looking Forward

- The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) projects commercial floor space to continue a long-term increase while total energy consumption declines. However, purchased natural gas for commercial consumption is projected to remain constant through 2050.
- In the near term, there are clear opportunities to expand natural gas services to commercial customers.
 - Leverage natural gas as a tool for economic growth.
 - Promote new technologies to improve energy services, lower costs, and reduce emissions.
 - Replace heating oil with natural gas, especially in the northeastern U.S.
 - Leverage existing efficiency programs to comply with broader economic or environmental policy goals.

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Fun Facts About Natural Gas!

Natural gas vehicles (NGVs) run on compressed natural gas (CNG) or liquefied natural gas (LNG), both primarily composed of methane. They are used in a wide range of passenger and commercial vehicles, from light-duty cars to heavy-duty buses and trucks.

✂️ RECIPE: Fish Tacos

Ingredients:

- 1 pound tilapia fillets, cut into 1-inch pieces
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 2 teaspoons of preferred cooking oil
- 8 corn tortillas (warmed)
- Optional topping: guacamole, chopped peppers- tomatoes- onions, lemon

Directions:

1. Sprinkle tilapia with salt and pepper. In a large nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium- high heat. Add tilapia.
2. Cook until fish just begins to flake easily with a fork 3-4 minutes on each side.
3. Serve in tortillas with desired toppings.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



Ruidoso

June 10th Kids Minecraft Movie: Free 9am, 11:20am, and 1:40pm

June 29th Full Moon Night at White Sands 8pm enjoy the radiance of the dunes beneath a full moon with live music, ranger programs, and special guest presenters and artists. The park hours will be extended two hours from the park's normal closing time on all Full Moon Nights for visitors.

July 4th Run White and Blue 5k Color Fun Run and Walk at Wingfield Park 10am Online registration available at:
<https://secure.rec1.com/NM/village-of-ruidoso-nm/catalog>

Hobbs

June 20th Girl Scouts Fun Day 10am-1pm at 522 E. Broadway Hobbs, NM Come register as a new Girl Scout Daisy and participate in our Field Day. For more info contact (915) 566-9433.

June 27th Lea County Sheriff's Posse Lawman's Trap Shoot at the Hobbs Trap Club (Jack Gomez Blvd- turn right on North A St- Trap Club on the right) Late Registration & Practice 6pm shooting begins 30min before dark. For more info contact (575) 631-5885.

July 4th Firework Show 9am-11pm at Harry McAdams State Park Featuring grass volleyball Tournament, Diaper Derby, Games for the Family and a Movie Under the Stars Despicable Me 3. Parking for the Firework Show opens at 6pm on the HIAP Tarmac (Hobbs Industrial Air Park), just west of the McAdams Park. The Fireworks begin at 9:30 PM.

Las Cruces

June 17th -21st Juneteenth Jazz Arts Festival at the Rio Grande Theater For more info visit.
<https://newmexicojuneteenthjazzartfestival.org/contact>

July 4th Fourth of July Concert & Firework Celebration at Pat & Lou Sisbarro Community Park Free

Maxwell/ Cimarron

June 6th Community Garage Sale 9am-2pm 3 options to sell/ buy. Tents & tables in village park, trunk sale on 9th St, or neighborhood garage sale (will have map of participating houses.) Please call the Cimarron Visitor Center (575) 376-2417 to register & secure your spot on the map!

Reminder: All information was gathered online through local city hall and chamber of commerce websites and is subject to change. Please contact the appropriate office to confirm details. This section is for local, non-partisan, non-religious, non-profit messages. Preference given to nonprofits. Submit by the 10th to arascon@zngc.com for inclusion in next month's edition. Thank you!

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