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Natural Gas News



Zia Natural Gas would like to wish all students, and staff a safe and successful school year!

STUFF A BUS



K-12 SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Zia Natural Gas proudly supports United Way's Stuff A Bus drive.



What are the advantages of Natural Gas?

Several advantages of natural gas make it a clear winner in the energy industry.

A primary advantage of natural gas is that it's simply clean – the cleanest fossil fuel burned for energy use. It doesn't generate ash residues or sulfur oxides. Its greenhouse gas emissions are as much as 55% lower than coal when used to produce comparable amounts of electricity, and today's power plants fueled by natural gas emit less than 10% of the pollutants coming from coal-fired plants.

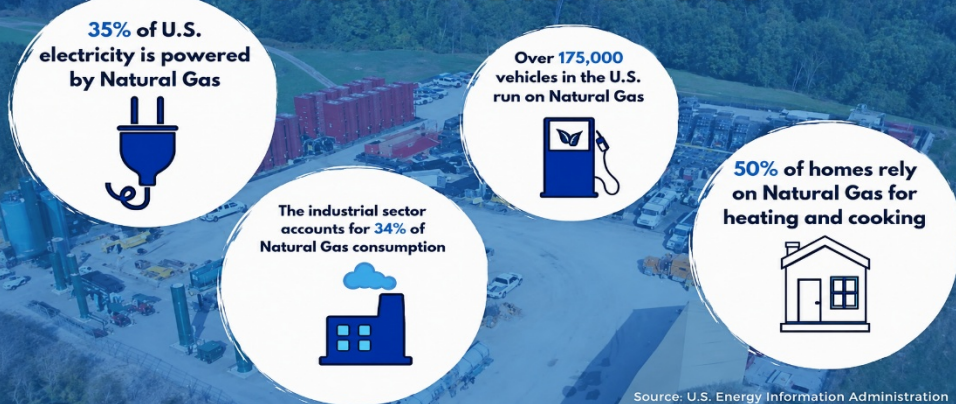
Natural gas is the cleanest fossil fuel on the market today because it produces much lower emissions than those of other fossil fuels like coal.



Another advantage of natural gas is that it is more effective – both in cost and efficiency. Natural gas can be over 30% more affordable than other fuel sources such as diesel.

Finally, one of the most important advantages of natural gas is that it's a safe, reliable energy option, which makes it a natural partner to renewables – quickly stepping in when solar, wind, and hydropower supplies are not readily available or demand outstrips the supply.

Uses of Natural Gas



SCAN TO PAY



EASY ACCESS PROVIDED TO YOU.

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

✂️ RECIPE: Creamy Zucchini Orzo

Ingredients:

- 3 tbsp salted butter, 3-4 cloves of minced garlic
- 1 box of dry orzo pasta, 2 tbsp fresh thyme
- 2 medium zucchinis, ½ bunch kale finely shredded
- 3 cups low sodium chicken or veggie broth, zest and juice of 1 lemon
- 1 teaspoon onion powder, salt and black pepper, ¾ cup grated parmesan
- ½ cup whole milk or canned full fat coconut milk
- 2 tbsp chopped fresh parsley

Directions:

1. Sauté butter and garlic. Add orzo and thyme; toast 2–3 minutes. Stir in zucchini and kale. Add broth, lemon zest, lemon juice, onion powder, salt, and pepper. Simmer 8–10 minutes, stirring until the orzo is creamy and tender.
2. Stir in milk, Parmesan, and parsley until heated through. Add extra broth if needed to keep the orzo creamy.
3. Serve topped with fresh thyme, extra butter, and Parmesan, if desired.



Fun Facts About Natural Gas!

Natural gas is not just for energy. It is also used to make many everyday things like sunglasses, cell phones, carpets, and even heart valves and artificial limbs.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Ruidoso

August 21st-22nd Ruidoso Antique Show Friday 12pm-6pm, Saturday 10am-6pm and Sunday 11am-3pm held at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

August 28th Cool Summer Nights Free Concert Series at Wingfield Park Formerly known as Under a Mountain Sky, the newly branded Cool Summer Nights Summer Music Series features Friday night concerts from 6–8 p.m. each week from May 29 through August 28, bringing together cool mountain evenings, live entertainment, and the vibrant atmosphere that defines summer in Ruidoso.

Hobbs

August 19th Hunter League 6pm-9pm at the Lea County Archery Range 2697 NM 18

10 Targets every Wednesday night.

6:00 PM: Show up, register, and start whenever you arrive

Divisions: Men's, Women's, & Youth

\$20 per person per night.

August 28th Hobbs August Nites 5:30pm-9:30pm & 29th 8am-9:30pm Free at 220 W Broadway St.

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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Las Cruces

September 5th 9am-5pm and the 6th 10am-4pm The Franciscan Festival of the Fine Arts at the Holy Cross Retreat Center in Mesilla Park Browse paintings, pottery, photography, and jewelry directly from the creators. The event also hosts a massive silent auction, raffles, and features local favorites like Little Toad Creek in the beer garden.

September 5th-6th Hatch Chile Festival at the Hatch High School grounds 9am-6pm The festival is free to attend, but carnival rides and parking in and around the Hatch High School generally require a fee. Proceeds help with festival expenses.

Maxwell/ Cimarron

September 5th 10am-12am and the 6th 12pm-5pm Gate City Music Festival in downtown Raton NM Free live music noon to midnight. Enjoy street fair with vendors, sidewalk sales, and a kid's zone. [For more info call \(575\)445-2052.](tel:5754452052)

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