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Natural Gas News

Low Income Home Energy Assistance

Program LIHEAP:

Notice of Winter Shut-Off

Protection

Protection from winter shut-off begins November 15th, 2026. 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 15th, 2026 through March 15th, 2027, 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 15th, 2026.

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 an application, please visit www.hsd.state.nm.us.



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 Company, 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, considering 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 to our office.

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 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.

☐ **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!

A burner was discovered by Robert Bunson in 1885 that allows air to be mixed with natural gas. The Burner, known as the Bunsen Burner, showed how to heat the gas to warm buildings and use for cooking.

RECIPE: Creamy Pumpkin Pasta

Ingredients:

- 1 pound rigatoni pasta or pasta of choice
- 2 tbsp. olive oil, 2 tbsp. of minced sage leaves
- 1 (15- ounce can) pumpkin puree
- 4 minced garlic cloves
- 1 tsp salt, ½ tsp black pepper
- ¼ tsp ground nutmeg
- 1 cup whole milk, ½ cup grated parmesan cheese

Directions:

1. Cook pasta al dente in salted water. Reserve 1½ cups pasta water, then drain.
2. Sauté sage and garlic in olive oil for 1 minute. Add pumpkin, seasonings, and nutmeg; cook 2–3 minutes. Stir in milk.
3. Toss in pasta and pasta water until glossy, 3–4 minutes. Remove from heat, stir in Parmesan, and serve.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



Ruidoso

October 3rd Aspen Fest at Wingfield Park. Parade starts at 10am, craft beer and wine festival 11am-6pm. For more info visit <https://visitruidoso.com/listing/wingfield-park/>.

October 22nd Wingfield Heritage House Museums Birthday Party 5pm-7pm. Join us for a celebration of the museum's second year of bringing Ruidoso's history to life. There will be live music, light refreshments, and new exhibits. For more info call 575-257-5559.

October 28th Midtown Halloween Trick or Treat & Pumpkin Roll 5pm-8pm. Join Ruidoso Parks and Recreation, Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, and Ruidoso Midtown Association for Halloween in Ruidoso. There will be a costume contest for 17 and younger, pumpkin carving, pumpkin roll, coffin race, candy, and much more!

Hobbs

October 15th The NMJC theatre department proudly presents "As You Like It" by William Shakespeare 6pm-8pm \$5 per person at The NMJC Watson Hall located on 5347 N Lovington Hwy.

October 23rd Fear & Phobias 16th Annual Haunted House 7:30pm-9:30pm Hobbs Community Playhouse \$10 per person.

October 30th Twisted Wonderland Halloween Party at Zia Park Casino 8pm-midnight, entry is FREE. Costume contest, all ages welcome.

Reminder: All information was gathered online through local city hall /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

October 3rd-25th The Mesilla Valley Maze at 3855 W Picacho Ave Saturday and Sundays 11am-7pm. For more info and tickets please visit <https://mesillavallemaze.ticketspice.com/mesilla-valley-maze-2026>.

October 30th Dia de los Muertos on the Plaza in Mesilla. Altar setup begins at 7am. Art Vendors open 2pm-9pm. Book of Life movie and popcorn starts at 7pm.

October 31st Dia de los Muertos on the Plaza in Mesilla. Continued altar setup 8am. Vendors open at 10am. Opening Ceremony will take place at 11am. Continued celebration 4pm-6pm.

November 1st Dia de los Muertos on the Plaza in Mesilla. Vendors open 10am. Celebration continues 12pm-5pm.

November 2nd Dia de Muertos on the Plaza in Mesilla. All Souls Day Candlelight Procession to Mesilla Cemetery. Meet at the Plaza for candlelight procession 6pm-6:30pm. Leave the Plaza at 6:45pm to Mesilla Cemetery. Return to Plaza after cemetery for Pan de Muerto.

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