



Focus on Business

Energy Audits Can Point The Way To Savings

Businesses looking for ways to cut costs, especially during difficult economic times, should consider an energy audit to determine how to reduce consumption of natural gas and electricity.

An energy audit includes an inspection of your property, equipment and a review of your company's energy use. The audit results will make recommendations on how to save energy and reduce operating costs, including whether it makes sense to invest in newer, energy-efficient equipment.

If you want to save energy and better manage your costs, have a professional energy audit conducted. Peoples Gas recommends that you get the insight only an expert auditor can provide.

The Illinois Association of Energy Raters (IAER) maintains a listing of energy auditors. All IAER members are certified by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

For more information, visit ilenergyraters.org.

From The Source

Resources for Businesses

In today's economy, most companies can use all the help they can get to make ends meet. You can find **Energy Saving Tools** and ideas for your business on our Web site at peoplesgasdelivery.com/business.



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Ideas, Advice and News from Peoples Gas



Rebates For Storage Water Heaters Increased To \$140

Peoples Gas customers planning to replace their old storage water heater with a new one can save even more money under a recent change to the **Chicagoland Natural Gas Savings Program**, which provides rebates for energy-efficient upgrades.

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The program now offers \$140 rebates for certain storage water heaters, nearly double the amount previously offered. The **Chicagoland Natural Gas Savings Program** also continues to offer the following rebates:

- Up to \$750 on attic and/or wall insulation;
- Up to \$600 on high-efficiency gas boilers;
- Up to \$450 on high-efficiency gas furnaces;
- \$400 on tankless and gas condensing water heaters; and
- \$100 on clothes washers.

The current rebates apply to purchases made between May 1 and October 31, 2009. To qualify, gas furnaces, boilers and water heaters must be installed by professional contractors.

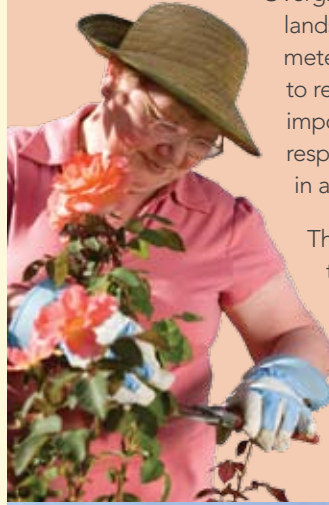
Property owners may install insulation and clothes washers themselves, or hire a professional contractor.

To learn which products qualify for rebates and how to apply, visit peoplesgasdelivery.com or call **866-964-7345**.



Keep Meters Clear

With higher-than-normal rainfall this spring and the arrival of warmer temperatures, the vegetation in your yard may be growing like crazy.



Overgrown brush, shrubs and other landscaping surrounding natural gas meters makes it difficult for technicians to read or service them. More importantly, excessive brush can slow responders attempting to turn off gas in an emergency.

This summer, take a few moments to cut back overgrowth around your natural gas meter. Likewise, make sure you preserve easy access to your gas meter when planning new landscaping or construction projects.

YELLOW FLAGS AND PAINT MARK LOCATION OF GAS PIPES

Flowers aren't the only colorful things to sprout up in the spring and early summer. Each year about this time, you may also notice yellow flags and paint marks popping up in your neighborhood.

These locator flags and paint marks show the location of underground natural gas lines, and they usually mean some type of excavation or construction work is planned for the area. The flags and marks are required so workers don't strike gas lines while digging.



Cyclists Stay Up All Night On Annual L.A.T.E. Ride

Peoples Gas will be a proud sponsor of the annual McDonald's L.A.T.E. Ride in the early hours of July 12, when up to 10,000 bicyclists will ride through Chicago neighborhoods and along the lakefront.

Kicking off at midnight, the L.A.T.E. Ride takes participants on a 25-mile trek through the streets of Chicago before finishing at Grant Park, where the riders enjoy breakfast while watching the sun rise over Lake Michigan.

Registration fees benefit Friends of the Park, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving, protecting and improving Chicago's parks and forest preserves. For information about riding or volunteering, visit lateride.org.

