



Natural Gas Works in a Power Outage

Natural gas is always there when you need it.

Few obstacles derail your daily routine like a power outage. Not being able to bathe, cook or stay warm can be frustrating. If there's no power for more than a few hours, the inconvenience becomes a real concern. Natural gas is the answer.

Cook

Experiencing a power outage doesn't mean you have to stop cooking. By overriding the electronic ignition on the surface burners and instead lighting them with a match, you can use your gas stove. Cook your favorite meal on a gas cook top or range and use the power outage as an opportunity to dine by candlelight. Or, light the backyard gas barbecue manually and enjoy a fresh grilled meal as you wait for the power to return.

(Due to the safety features of gas ovens, you cannot manually bypass the oven's lighting controls.)

Stay warm

When the power's out, many natural gas fireplaces can be lit with a match. You'll be able to heat about 800-1,000 square feet of living space without power. In most cases, simply flip the fireplace switch to light the fire, which is on the side, front, or behind the bottom louvers near the pilot controls.

Bathe

Most natural gas water heaters operate with a pilot light, heating water even when the electricity is out. And since they reheat water almost twice as fast as electric models, relying on a gas water heater for bathing during an outage continues to be economical.

Generate electricity

Many natural gas generators automatically start when the power goes out. They can power your furnace, refrigerator, some lights, and important appliances you rely on during emergencies, such as the television or radio.
