

# Natural Gas Heating Systems

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- They are available in a wide variety of high-efficiency models.
- Forced air furnaces offer two-stage or variable-speed blower motors.
- Furnaces and boilers can be zoned to allow temperature control in each part of the home.
- Natural gas is the cleanest-burning fossil fuel available.



## The Smart Choice

The average American family spends half of its energy dollars on home heating. Natural gas heating systems typically cost less to operate than other fuels. No matter where you live, natural gas is the economical choice. That's why the majority of home buyers in the United States choose natural gas as their primary heating fuel. In most areas, a high-efficiency gas furnace costs up to 60 percent less to operate than a standard oil heating system and up to 40 percent less than an electric heat pump or electric furnace.

## Environment

Breathe easier when you choose natural gas. Natural gas is better for the environment than heating oil, electricity or wood. Heating your home with natural gas is a decision you can feel good about. Compared to an electric heat pump or electric furnace, a natural gas heating system emits up to 65 percent less carbon dioxide, reduces nitrous oxide emissions by up to 81 percent and virtually eliminates sulfur oxide emissions.

## Advantages of Natural Gas Home Heating:

- **Cost:** Natural gas space heating systems cost less to operate than electric, oil or propane.
- **Comfort:** Heat from a natural gas furnace or boiler feels warm and cozy. That's because the air is approximately 25 degrees warmer than the heat produced by an electric heat pump.
- **Efficiency:** Today's gas furnaces are up to 98 percent efficient. Oil heating systems, by contrast, can reach maximum efficiency levels of only 87 percent.
- **Reliability:** Natural gas furnaces are highly durable and last longer than any other type of heating system. On average, a natural gas furnace will last six years longer than an electric heat pump and five years longer than an oil furnace.



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