



Understanding your natural gas pricing

DTE

How DTE buys natural gas

DTE works every day to keep your natural gas reliable and bills as low as possible. We do this by buying natural gas up to three years before you need it, often in summer when demand is low, to secure abundant supply and lock in the best prices. We store the gas in underground reservoirs until you need it. Plus, we don't mark up the cost of natural gas – what you pay is what we paid.

Options for you

If you need help paying your energy bill, don't wait to ask for help. Visit dteenergy.com/help for payment plans and other financial assistance.

DTE Energy offers a variety of billing and payment programs to meet your needs including AutoPay, BudgetWise Billing®, eBill Paperless Billing, and Flexible Due Date. Learn more at dteenergy.com/options.

DTE offers many convenient ways to pay your bill including through our mobile app, payment kiosks, website, automated phone system and mail. To avoid a late fee, be sure to pay by the due date.

Natural gas customers in Michigan have the option to choose who supplies their natural gas through the **Gas Customer Choice program**. If you enroll with an alternative gas supplier, you will still pay for your natural gas through your DTE bill. For more information, visit dteenergy.com/gaschoice.



Factors that impact your bill

Did you know? Cold winter temperatures will increase your home's energy usage and your bill. Think about how the factors below could impact your monthly energy costs and plan ahead to manage your energy usage.

Get your winter guide at dteenergy.com/staywarm.



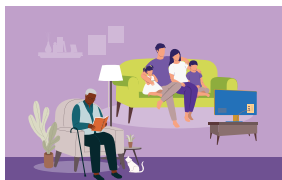
More Energy Usage

The primary factor that impacts your monthly energy bill is usage. In the winter, both your natural gas and electricity usage rise due to cold temperatures.



Extreme Fluctuations in Temperature

Big drops in temperature make your furnace work harder to keep your home comfortable.



Lifestyle Changes

Colder and shorter days mean people spend more time indoors, turn on more lights, use electronics and adjust the thermostat.



Type of Home

The age, layout, build material, size and appliances of your home impact your energy usage.

Charges on your bill

The **Gas Cost Recovery** charge is the actual price we paid for the gas you used – with no markup.

The **Customer Charge** supports the billing, customer service and meter reading costs to support your account. This charge appears even if you don't use much gas, like in the summer.

The **Gas Distribution Charge** supports the people and systems that deliver natural gas to you. This charge goes up as you use more natural gas.

The **Reservation Charge** helps reserve space on the interstate pipeline so gas is always available for you, even in extreme temperatures.

The **IRM Surcharge** helps us replace older service lines with newer pipes to ensure ongoing safe and reliable service.

Learn more about your bill at dteenergy.com/bills.

Natural gas rate information

We are committed to providing safe, reliable and affordable energy. DTE is regulated by the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC). Our rates can only change when approved by the Commission.

DTE offers multiple rates, including a residential rate and non-residential general service rates. DTE is available to help you determine the most appropriate rate for you, if you're eligible for service under more than one rate. To see the details of each natural gas rate approved by the MPSC, go to dteenergy.com/price or contact us to request more information at dteenergy.com/contactus.

In September 2026, the MPSC approved a new gas rate for residential customers, which will go into effect on **October 1, 2026**. The order, and an explanation of changes, is available at dteenergy.com/billinserts and at DTE offices.

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