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ENERGY SUPPLY


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From the 1st February 2007, Bord Gáis Energy Supply customers have benefited from the recent fall and stabilisation in wholesale natural gas prices. As a result, domestic natural gas charges have reduced by 10%. This brings natural gas prices in Ireland well below the EU average.

Natural gas is highly efficient, competitively priced and it releases fewer harmful emissions than other fossil fuels.

The table below outlines the tariffs that are available to domestic customers and the new rates that apply from 1st February 2007 onwards. To ensure that you get the most value from using natural gas we recommend you review your annual usage and check that you are on the tariff that best meets your needs.

To see if you are on the tariff that suits you best, to check our payment options, or for energy saving tips, call **1850 632 632** or visit our new website at www.bordgaisenergysupply.ie

Tariff	Unit Rate per kWh cent	Standing Charge per annum €	Consumption Level per annum* kWh	
Reducing Rate	10.771	57.30	Under 6,500	Note 1
	8.074			
	5.709			
	0 to 585 kWh			
	586 to 1,170 kWh			
	over 1,170 kWh			
Standard Rate	4.091	308.58	6,500 to 7,625 10,250 to 13,500 Over 24,000	
Low User Commitment	7.089	Nil	7,625 to 10,250	Note 2
High User Commitment	5.385	Nil	13,500 to 24,000	Note 3
Golden Rate (over 65's)	7.089	Nil	Under 10,250	

*The consumption levels in the table above are shown as a guide to assist you in your choice of tariff. Call 1850 632 632 for further advice on the tariffs available or to change your tariff.

Note 1 Reducing Rate – if you use between 4,500 and 6,500 kWh over 6 billing periods (12 months) your pattern of use during this time will determine which tariff will suit you best. Call 1850 632 632 for further advice.

Note 2 Low User Commitment – you agree to purchase a minimum of 8,750 kWh over 6 billing periods (12 months) at the prevailing rate(s).

Note 3 High User Commitment – you agree to purchase a minimum of 16,000 kWh over 6 billing periods (12 months) at the prevailing rate(s).

Prices include VAT at 13.5%

1°C - sure you'd hardly notice the difference

Lowering the central heating by just one degree to a cosy 20°C, could save about 10% on your bill.



what 1 change will you make?

It doesn't have to be huge, but it will make a huge difference. Here's a few ideas if you cook or heat your home with natural gas.

Heating

- 1 Use the 30 minute rule. Set the heating to switch off 30 minutes before bedtime and to turn on 30 minutes before you get up in the morning.
- 1 Turn off your heating when you're not there, or if you're going to be away for a few days.
- 1 Get your natural gas boiler serviced annually to ensure it is working at maximum efficiency.

Cooking

- 1 If you cook with gas, the top shelf of the oven is always the hottest so food cooks quicker.
- 1 Every time you open the oven door 20% of the heat escapes, so limit the number of times you check your food.
- 1 Ensure that pots cover all of the ring on your hob, and whenever possible place lids on your saucepans.

Bord Gáis Energy Supply is happy to be associated with the **power of one**, Ireland's energy efficiency programme. Starting with one simple change we can all make a huge difference, why not take an energy survey to see how your home fares? To find more ways of saving energy, money and the environment visit www.powerofone.ie



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power of one
energy efficiency for Ireland

You can reduce your natural gas bills by over 20%

Upgrading your old natural gas boiler to a high efficiency condensing boiler and fitting modern energy efficiency controls can reduce your natural gas bills by over 20%.

High efficiency condensing boilers convert around 90% or more of the natural gas you use into heat for your home when combined with a suitable heating system. This allows you to save on your natural gas bills and help the environment by reducing emissions.

To get the best value from your central heating system and to be in control of the temperature in all areas of your home we also recommend that you fit energy efficiency controls such as room thermostats, cylinder thermostats, thermostatic radiator valves and a programmable timer.

For more information on making your central heating system more efficient and to get a free survey and quote with no obligation, please call 1850 632 632.

The saving stated is based on a comparison of a semi-detached dwelling with a regular boiler with an upgrade to CHeSS (Central Heating System Specifications 2005) best practice.





Natural gas – an incredible journey that started millions of years ago

Natural gas is not just an affordable and convenient source of energy – it is the result of a process that takes millions of years to travel from the depths of the earth to your home.

The natural gas we use today was formed millions of years ago.

When small plants and creatures that lived in the sea died, they sank to the seabed. Over time they were covered by layers of mud and sand and the enormous pressure from the weight of the mud and sand converted them into rocklike formations.

As the pressure and heat in the rocks above increased, the plant and animal matter gradually changed into oil and gas, with gas becoming more common at greater depths where the temperatures are higher.

The gas accumulated in layers of soft rock (such as sand) and was trapped between layers of hard rock deep under the earth's surface where it remained until improvements in drilling and pipeline technology during the last century allowed us to safely find and transport natural gas to your home.

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Simply register on our new website www.bordgaisenergysupply.ie and you can avail of a host of convenient and quick services.

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- Pay your bill online using your Laser or Credit Card
- See transactions since your last bill
- Check when your next bill will be issued
- Review and request changes to your account details
- Sign up for Direct Debit

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