

## Welcome to FCG



# WELCOMING YOU TO FCG

Florida City Gas is happy to welcome you as a new customer and looks forward to delivering endless exceptional service and positive energy to you.

True to our belief that an informed customer is a happy customer, we offer the following guide as an informational source for almost everything you need to know about your energy service.

Keep this useful guide handy. For any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our Customer Care Team at 800.993.7546. Our Representatives will be more than happy to assist you.

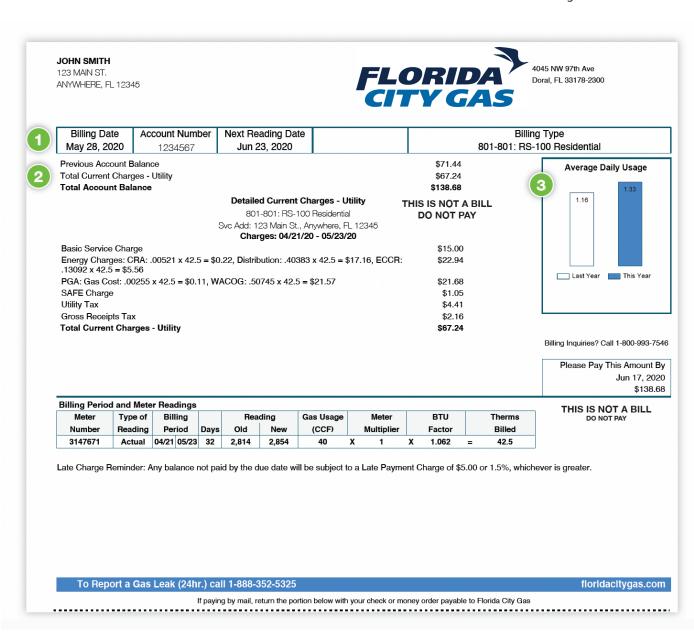
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## **Understanding Your Bill**

- 1 General account information
  - a. Billing date: Date your bill was issued.
  - b. Account number: Refer to this number if you contact Florida City Gas about your account.
  - c. Next reading date: Date next meter reading is scheduled to take place. A meter reading is a measurement of the consumption taken from the meter at a specific service address.
- 2 Charges
  - a. Previous account balance: The sum of previous unpaid charges.
  - b. Current charges: Amount due for most recent month of service.
  - c. Total account balance: This is for services already used during the billing period plus any outstanding service charges, deposits or late payment fees incurred.
- Average daily usage: Year-to-year comparison that illustrates the amount of natural gas used in therms.



#### JOHN SMITH

123 MAIN ST. ANYWHERE, FL 12345



 Billing Date
 Account Number
 Next Reading Date
 Billing Type

 May 28, 2020
 1234567
 Jun 23, 2020
 801-801: RS-100 Residential

Previous Account Balance \$71.44
Total Current Charges - Utility \$67.24
Total Account Balance \$138.68

Detailed Current Charges - Utility 801-801; RS-100 Residential THIS IS NOT A BILL DO NOT PAY

Svc Add: 123 Main St., Anywhere, FL 12345 Charges: 04/21/20 - 05/23/20

Basic Service Charge \$15.00
Energy Charges: CRA: .00521 x 42.5 = \$0.22, Distribution: .40383 x 42.5 = \$17.16, ECCR: .13092 x 42.5 = \$5.56
PGA: Gas Cost: .00255 x 42.5 = \$0.11, WACOG: .50745 x 42.5 = \$21.57
\$21.68
SAFE Charge \$1.05
Utility Tax \$4.41
Gross Receipts Tax \$2.16
Total Current Charges - Utility \$67.24

Billing Inquiries? Call 1-800-993-7546

Last Year This Year

Average Daily Usage

1 16

Please Pay This Amount By Jun 17, 2020 \$138.68

**Billing Period and Meter Readings** 

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1	Meter	Type of Billing			Reading		Gas Usage Meter		BTU			Therms		
ı	Number	Reading	Per	riod	Days	Old	New	(CCF)		Multiplier		Factor		Billed
1	3147671	Actual	04/21	05/23	32	2,814	2,854	40	X	1	X	1.062	=	42.5

THIS IS NOT A BILL

Late Charge Reminder: Any balance not paid by the due date will be subject to a Late Payment Charge of \$5.00 or 1.5%, whichever is greater.

To Report a Gas Leak (24hr.) call 1-888-352-5325

floridacitygas.com

If paying by mail, return the portion below with your check or money order payable to Florida City Gas



	THIS IS NOT A BILL DO NOT PAY				
Total Amount Due	\$138.68	Please Pay by 06/17/20			
Account # 1234567	Amount Enclosed				

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## SAMPLE BILL

JOHN SMITH

123 MAIN ŠT. ANYWHERE, FL 12345 P.O. Box 22614 Miami, FL 33102

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## Understanding Your Bill (Continued)

- 4 Detailed current charges
  - a. Charges:
    - » Basic service charge: A monthly charge that covers the basic fixed costs of providing you with natural gas service.
    - » Energy charges: Billing components, aside from the cost of gas, associated with providing safe and reliable service.
    - » CRA (competitive rate adjustment): Rates and charges set on an individual customer basis via a special contract. (not applicable to all customers)
    - » Distribution: Charge to deliver natural gas to your location.
    - » ECCR (Energy Conservation Cost Recovery Charge): Cost of programs designed to reduce electric demand and consumption.
  - b. PGA (purchased gas adjustment): The cost of natural gas purchased by FCG on behalf of its customers and passed through at actual cost. Includes administrative costs and the weighted average cost of gas (WACOG).
  - c. SAFE Charge: A PSC-approved program that improves safety and reliability by retiring existing rear easement steel residential utilities and replacing these with new advanced plastic utilities relocated to the front public right of way.
  - d. Taxes and charges: Taxes and fees may vary by area, with amounts established by local governing bodies. Florida City Gas collects these costs for distribution to the appropriate entities and does not profit from them. The amount is made up of the following charges: Franchise charge: Fee on a customer's natural gas bill that is collected by Florida City Gas and provided to the appropriate local municipality or county government. Gross receipts tax: A tax on a customer's natural gas bill that is paid to the State of Florida. Utility tax: A tax imposed by a municipality or county government on the sale of natural gas. Surtax: A surtax that is charged by many Florida counties. Sales tax: Tax levied by the State of Florida on the purchase of natural gas.
  - e. Total current charges: A sum of all of the items outlined above.
- Please pay amount by: This is when payment for all charges is due. (21 days after invoice date)



- a. Billing period: The service days included in this bill. Note that the number of days in a billing period may fluctuate due to weekends, holidays, or changes in the date we read your meter.
- b. Therms billed: A unit of heat measurement equal to 100,000 BTU. We calculate your bill based on howmany therms of gas were used. BTU is the factor used to convert one hundred cubic feet of natural gas to therms.

More information about your bill is described on the image below, which is a sample of the back of your bill.



Contact our
Customer Care Team at
800.993.7546
for more information.

## **Making Payments**

#### What To Do When You Can't Pay Your Bill

If for any reason you cannot pay your energy bill on time, contact our Customer Care Team at 800.993.7546 immediately to avoid allowing the bill to become delinquent. Florida City Gas may be able to arrange special payment schedules for customers who need time to pay the entire bill. But remember, we can only help you if you let us know that you need help.

#### **Energy Assistance**

At Florida City Gas, we believe there is more than a good way to do business; there is a right way. One of the ways we give back to the communities we live in and serve is by helping those who might need assistance in paying their natural gas bills – particularly in these challenging times.

The Energy Assistance program is available to assist eligible Florida City Gas customers in hardship situations including income-qualified seniors (over 55), disabled adults (SSA) and families in crisis.

The program provides qualifying households with monetary relief for their natural gas bills. Eligibility is based on several factors, including household size and income. Eligible customers can receive a one-time annual grant of up to \$85.00. Grant applications require approval.

Please call our customer service to apply.

#### **Budget Billing**

Weather, fuel costs, new appliances and a variety of other factors can cause your FCG bill to fluctuate during the year. Budget Billing allows you to stabilize your monthly energy costs by paying the same amount each month—preventing spikes in your bill. You can enroll after your first year anniversary. FCG will calculate your monthly energy cost by averaging the amounts of your last 12 energy bills. We will review your bill fluctuations annually and adjust the budget billing amount as necessary.

#### Disconnected Service

FCG will interrupt service if bills are not paid on time—but only as a last resort! If we do not hear from you prior to the bill becoming delinquent, an FCG Representative will process a service interruption. Our goal is to:

Continue providing service to you, our valued customer.
 If service is disconnected due to late payment, we will
 require payment of past due amounts and/or deposit
 modifications may need to be paid before service is
 reconnected. In addition, a reconnection fee will apply.

#### **Customer Deposits**

New customers may be required to provide a deposit before service is activated. Customers may be eligible for a refund after 23 months based upon payment history.

Note: Rates and deposit amounts may vary. Please call 800.993.7546 to activate your account.



Contact our Customer Care Team at 800,993,7546 or visit us at FloridaCityGas.com for enrollment details.

## Making Payments (Continued)

We offer a wide variety of bill payment options for your convenience. So, before you make your next payment, here's some helpful information you should know.

#### Online

Enjoy the convenience of managing your FCG account online by registering your account at FloridaCityGas. com/new-register. Pay your bill now by credit or debit card, using Speedpay\*. A convenience fee of \$2.95 will be charged by Speedpay\* to process this transaction. Florida City Gas does not receive any part of this fee and it is non-refundable.

#### By Phone

You may pay by phone using your credit or debit card through our automated system. A convenience fee of \$2.95 will be charged by Speedpay\*. Call us at 800.993.7546.

#### Enroll in AutoPay

Safely and conveniently deduct your bill payment from your bank account or credit card each month for free. If it's your first time, log on to our customer portal. Then, you will be automatically redirected to Speedpay\*, a third-party payment partner. By using AutoPay, you will automatically be enrolled in paperless billing. It may take one to two billing cycles for AutoPay to be set up on your account.

#### Pay Through Your Bank

Pay your bill using your bank's online payment service. It may take three to five business days for us to receive your payment. Before submitting payment, make sure your account information is correct. Invalid or missing account information may delay payment.

Visit floridacitygas.com/new-pay for more on each payment method, or contact Florida City Gas at 800.993.7546 with any questions.

#### By Mail

Mail your check or money order using the payment envelope in your monthly natural gas bill (please don't send cash), or mail the payment noting your account number to:

Florida City Gas, P.O. Box 22614, Miami, FL 33102

#### In Person

Visit one of the many payment locations offered through our third-party partner, Western Union. Payments will be processed on the same business day. Please have your account number or bill available if making your payment in person. Western Union does not accept checks payments. A \$1.50 convenience fee is charged by Western Union to process your transaction. Florida City Gas does not receive any part of this fee, and it is non-refundable.

#### Request a Payment Arrangement

Sometimes customers need a little more time to pay their natural gas bill. We try to be as flexible as possible. We offer payment arrangements for qualifying customers by temporarily extending the due date of their bills. Contact us at 800.993.7546 to speak with our customer service reps regarding payment arrangements.

## **Natural Gas Safety**

#### **Gas Characteristics**

Natural gas is 30% lighter than air. If a leak occurs in an open area, natural gas will easily vent and dissipate into the atmosphere. When enclosed, natural gas will rise to the ceiling and fill the room from top to bottom.

#### Florida City Gas **Emergency Response**

Florida City Gas has emergency services available 24 hours a day/7 days a week. Please leave the area and contact us immediately at 888.352.5325 if you recognize the following signs of a potential gas leak or other safety hazard:

- You smell a distinct 'rotten egg' odor
- · A gas line has been broken or damaged
- You see blowing dirt or bubbling creeks or ponds
- You notice dead vegetation in an otherwise green area
- There are hissing sounds near a gas appliance or line

#### **SAFETY & RELIABILITY**

The gas industry invests time and money into its natural gas pipelines and propane distribution systems to ensure safety and reliability. Natural gas has the safest record of all major transportation systems. Each year, the nationwide natural gas industry spends over \$6 billion on safety alone.

#### How to Sense Danger

Natural gas is naturally odorless. A 'rotten egg' odorant is added so you and your family can detect even the smallest leak. Use our scratch n' sniff enclosed at the beginning of this book to teach everyone in your home or business to recognize the smell of danger—and be sure to take the following steps should someone suspect a leak:

- 1. Clear your home or business immediately.
- 2. Once safely outside, call your local Florida City Gas office to report a leak. (Or dial 911 once safely outside if you sense a more serious emergency)
- 3. Do not re-enter your home or business until an emergency responder or a Florida City Gas qualified service technician determines that it is safe to do so.



#### **DO NOT:**

- Start your vehicle engine
- Use a cell phone or telephone until securely outside the location
- Smoke, light a match or do anything that can cause a spark which may result in an explosion or fire
- Turn on or off any electric switches
- Ring the doorbell or open any garage doors

## Natural Gas Safety (Continued)

#### Hurricanes Or Inclement Weather

- Move or secure all loose items (grills, patio furniture, etc.) which can blow into—and cause needless damage to—your home or gas meter
- Do not shut off your gas supply at the meter. If you
  must evacuate your home or business, leave your
  natural gas supply on. You can shut off the gas supply
  at each appliance. (Only authorized utility or emergency
  personnel should turn your meter valve on or off)
- In the unlikely event your natural gas service is interrupted, please do not attempt to turn your natural gas back on
- Do not operate gas appliances or controls you suspect have been flooded or damaged
- In the rare event you lose natural gas service, be sure to contact Florida City Gas to have our trained technicians safely turn your gas back on. You can also call Florida City Gas to relight your pilot lights and inspect your appliances to ensure they are in proper working condition. (All Florida City Gas personnel carry ID to be presented upon request)
- Do not remove fallen trees or do any digging without calling 811 to locate your utility lines and Florida City Gas to locate your fuel lines
- Keep away from any loose, dangling or drowned power lines and report them immediately
- Drive only when necessary, avoiding any flooded roads, fallen objects, weakened walls/bridges and other traffic hazards

## Storm Safety for Specific Appliances

Many natural gas appliances continue to operate when the power goes out. However, certain manufacturers and models feature 'safety valves' that will automatically discontinue the flow of natural gas in the event of a power outage. Consult your user's manual for specific operating instructions and guidelines, important safety features, and more. Or contact your local Florida City Gas office and we will do our best to assist you.

Please Note: Following a storm, our crews first respond to emergency calls, but will be happy to assist you with your appliances once public safety is secured.





Leave the area and call 888.352.5325 immediately if:

- Your meter or service is damaged in any way, which would be an extremely unlikely event
- A gas line has been broken or damaged
- You smell a distinct 'rotten egg' odor

#### Preventative Safety Measure— Your Fuel Line

Florida City Gas maintains the buried gas piping from the main to the meter but does not maintain the customer's buried gas piping after the meter. Buried piping that you do not properly maintain may be subject to the potential hazards of corrosion and leakage. Buried gas piping should be:

- Periodically inspected for leaks
- Periodically inspected for corrosion if the piping is metallic
- · Repaired if any unsafe condition is discovered

Also, when excavating near buried gas piping, the piping needs to be located in advance, and the excavation should be done by hand. Call 811 before you dig and we will be there within a few business days to locate your utility lines at no charge to you.

Call Florida City Gas to locate your fuel lines.



#### Carbon Monoxide (CO)

If your home or business has gas appliances installed, Florida City Gas recommends the installation of a CO monitor. Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless and tasteless gas that is toxic to humans and animals when encountered in concentrations above approximately 35 ppm. CO is a result of incomplete gas combustion.



### HomeServe® – an FCG Preferred Partner

Protect your home and your budget from the high cost and hassle of unexpected repairs. Consider HomeServe—a leading provider of emergency home repair programs nationwide—offering optional protection plans to FCG eligible customers.

#### Service offerings\*include:

Gas Line Coverage

as low as \$4.99/mo

Water Heater Repair and Replacement Plan as low as \$9.99/mo. \$4.99/mo

Interior Plumbing and **Drainage System Coverage** as low as \$12.99/mo

Exterior Water Service Line Coverage as low as \$5.49/mo

Exterior Sewer/Septic Line Coverage as low as \$9.99/mo

#### \*Contact Florida City Gas for eligibility requirements, exclusions, terms and conditions.

#### Who is HomeServe?

HomeServe is a leading provider of home repair solutions serving over 4.5 million customers across North America.

## **Rebates & Other Programs**

#### **Conservation Programs**

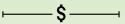
The increased use of natural gas helps to protect the environment. It also helps to conserve Florida's precious energy resources—guiding us toward a cleaner, more secure energy alternative.

FCG's natural gas rebates and incentives are available to offset the initial expense of installing natural gas, making it an easier choice for more homes and businesses—and encouraging its use throughout Florida.

#### RESIDENTIAL REBATES

Conserve energy and earn up to the rebate amounts to the right when you replace nongas appliances—or upgrade old gas appliances—with new natural gas appliances.

Ready to start saving? Your rebate is waiting!



Visit
FloridaCityGasRebates.com
or call
888.CITY.GAS
today.



#### Tankless water heater:

- ▶ Endless hot water on demand
- Expected appliance lifespan of up to 20 years
- ▶ Can cut energy consumption by 30 percent

#### Furnace:

- Lower heating bills
- Produces air that feels warmer to the skin than air from a heat pump
- ▶ More efficient and reduces operating costs

#### Standard tank water heater\*:

- Provides more hot water faster than non-gas water heaters
- ► Approximately 1/3 the energy cost
- Severe weather ready

#### Range:

- Provides precision heat control, and instant on-off
- Preferred by 9 out of 10 professional chefs
- ► Storm reliable



#### Dryer:

- Clothes dry much faster in a gas dryer versus an electric dryer
- ▶ More economical

Reactivation Bonus\*\*:

If your residential natural gas
service has been inactive for at
least 12 months, you can receive
an additional \$200 rebate.

Rebates are subject to program terms and conditions. \*A water heater must meet the Energy Star Certified criteria to qualify for a high-efficiency rebate. \*\*The Service Reactivation rebate requires a minimum of 24 months of inactivity and the purchase of a new natural gas water heater.

## **Rebates & Other Programs**

#### **COMMERCIAL REBATES**

Conserve energy at your business, reduce operational costs and earn rebates up to the following amounts when you include qualifying natural gas equipment!

Commercial APPLIANCE	Maximum REBATE*
TANK-STYLE WATER HEATER	\$2,000
TANKLESS WATER HEATER	\$2,500
RANGE/OVEN	\$1,500
FRYER	\$3,000
DRYER	\$1,500

<sup>\*</sup> Rebate and incentive restrictions may apply. Contact FCG for additional qualifying details and incentives.

#### NATURAL GAS PREFERRED CONTRACTORS

FCG's Natural Gas Preferred Contractors is a network of trusted third-party businesses and independent contractors that help us provide our customers with the best possible energy savings and service.

- Get connected to reputable third-party professionals that meet the licensing and insurance requirements in the natural gas industry.
- Enjoy superior ease and convenience when you work with Florida City Gas as your primary point-of-contact for your repair and service needs.
- Visit FloridaCityGas.com/FindContractor today to view a complete list of FCG Preferred Contractors.



## **Luxury Outdoor Amenities**



#### Outdoor lights/tiki torches:

- Provide soft glowing light without the harsh glare of non-gas lights
- ► Help repel insects
- Improve home security
- Stay on—even when the power goes out



#### Chimineas/patio heaters

- ▶ Heat up to a 20-foot radius
- ► Cost less to operate than their non-gas counterparts
- Patio heaters can be located almost anywhere, with post mount, suspension and portable models available



#### Indoor/outdoor fireplaces:

- Require none of the chopping, hauling or cleanup of wood
- ► Provide flames that turn on with the touch of a button
- Run on pennies an hour & emit far less pollutants than traditional fireplaces



#### Natural gas grills

- Provide instant on/off, which enables grilling without the wait
- ► Eliminate the need to fill tanks, buy charcoal and clean up ashes
- ▶ Up to \$200 rebate on fixed grills



#### Pool/spa heaters:

- Provide up to 4 times greater heating power than non-gas pumps; offering the most effective way to maintain ideal water temperatures
- Cost up to 2 1/2 times less to operate than their nongas counterparts
- Models are up to 97 percent energy efficient and warm the water twice as fast as non-gas heaters\*



#### Generators:

- Automatically turn on within seconds of a power outage providing emergency electrical power
- ► Eliminate the need to buy and store fuel
- Most emergency generators do not require any preparation prior to a storm

### **Conserving Energy**

#### **Energy-Saving Tips**

Every time you use your energy-efficient appliance(s), you are conserving energy. Read the following everyday tips and see how you can start saving even more!



#### WATER HEATING:

- Set the temperature on your water heater to 120 degrees
- Run your dishwasher only when it is full
- Change your washing machine's temperature setting from hot to warm and cut the 'energy use per load' in half
- Take 5-10 minute showers rather than baths

#### COOKING:

- Cover pots and pans when bringing water to a boil
- Clean your cooktop thoroughly and often
- Avoid opening the oven while cooking

#### CLOTHES DRYING:

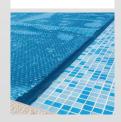
- Clean your dryer's lint filter after each and every load
- Dry consecutive loads of clothing to take advantage of retained heat
- Let clothes 'air dry' when possible

#### **CLIMATE CONTROL:**

- Keep your thermostat set at 78 degrees in the summer and 68 degrees in the winter
- Clean or replace dirty A/C and/or furnace filters every couple of months
- Turn on ceiling fans to enjoy an additional 3 degrees of cooling power while taking an energy load off the AC (but don't forget to turn off your fan when you leave the room!)
- Close window blinds when it's hot and keep them open when it's not







#### MISCELLANEOUS:

- Use energy-saving light bulbs and turn off lights every time you leave the room
- When purchasing new appliances, choose those featuring the ENERGY STAR\* label
- Turn off TVs, computers and any other appliances that aren't in use, with the exception of your refrigerator
- Run your pool pump for a span of 8 hours when the water temperature is higher than 70 degrees, and for 6 hours when it's below 70 degrees
- Cover your pool when it's not in use, which can save you up to 50% on pool heating costs

#### Additional Info

Florida City Gas invites you to visit floridacitygas.com to find more information and instructions on:

- Transferring your natural gas service
- Reading your me<u>ter</u>
- And virtually anything that has to do with FCG!

Or call 800.993.7546 to receive additional details and/or guidance over the phone.

