

# WHY ARE MY NATURAL GAS BILLS HIGHER?



Higher energy costs are impacting everyone, including utilities. In the last year energy prices have more than doubled in cost. Several reasons have contributed to that price increase.



Geopolitical issues globally have affected natural gas market causing prices to increase through the summer and are projected to maintain that level through the upcoming winter.



Demand for natural gas has grown at a greater rate than production causing the prices to increase in the US and globally. Natural Gas is more than 2 times higher than year ago prices.



This summer, the use of natural gas in electric generation reached new peaks. This reduced the volume of natural gas available for storage injection.

# HOW TO SAVE ON YOUR NATURAL GAS BILLS?



**Seal it up.** Check for leaks around windows, doors, and other openings to the outside. Seal these leaks with caulk to keep the warmth in.

**Furnace Checkup.** Have your furnace and heating system inspected annually to check for leaks or other problems.

**Insulate.** Wrap old water heaters with proper insulating jackets and set the temperature to 120°F (or lower). Insulate your plumbing.



**Use mother nature.** When it's cold outside but also sunny, open the blinds during the day to let the sun help heat your home.

**Wash cold.** Whenever possible, use the cold water setting on your washing machine.



**Check and replace HVAC filters.** New filters usually only cost a few dollars. Dirty filters cost more to use, overwork the equipment, and result in lower indoor air quality. The filters should be replaced regularly.

**Control the temperature.** Set the temperature to 68°F or lower in the winter. A programmable thermostat can make it easy to set back your temperature.