



Understanding your natural gas pricing

DTE

How DTE buys natural gas

Every day, DTE is focused on keeping your gas prices low while maintaining a reliable supply. Our prices remain relatively stable from year to year, which helps you better manage your household budget.

We do this by buying the most economical gas supply well in advance of when it's needed, and often while prices are at their lowest. Then, we use our natural underground reservoirs to store a steady supply of gas, so it's there when you need it.

DTE passes the cost of the natural gas we buy through to you with no markup. That means you pay what we pay for the natural gas you use. You see this as the **Gas Cost Recovery** charge on your bill.

Every customer, regardless of usage, and even in the summer, pays the monthly **Customer Charge**. That charge helps pay for the cost of maintaining our gas distribution system, collecting usage data and preparing bills.

Options for you

DTE Energy offers a variety of billing and payment programs to meet your needs. Learn more at dteenergy.com/options.

There are many convenient options for paying your bill including the DTE Energy mobile app, DTE payment kiosks, online, our automated phone system and mail. Fees will be charged for late payments.

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? There are many factors that drive energy use in your home. Here are the four key factors that will determine how high or low your energy bill may be.



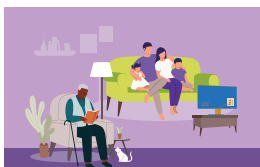
More Energy Usage

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.

Cold winter temperatures will increase your home's energy usage and your bill. Think about how these factors above could impact your monthly energy costs and plan ahead to manage your energy usage.

Learn more at
dteenergy.com/staywarm

Safety and reliability

The **Gas Distribution Charge** on your bill supports the system of storage facilities, pipelines, mains and service lines – and the people who operate and maintain them – to deliver natural gas to your home.

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.

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 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 request a copy at mydteenergy@dteenergy.com.

In November 2025, DTE requested MPSC approval of new rates. The filing, and an explanation of proposed changes, is available at dteenergy.com/billinserts and at DTE offices. Learn more about natural gas pricing at dteenergy.com/price.

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