

Michigan's cleaner energy future

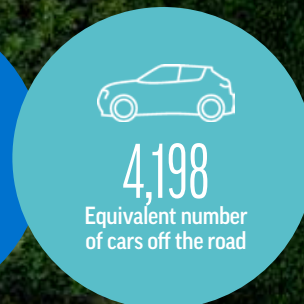
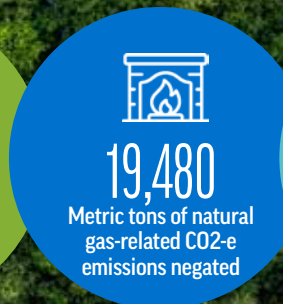
Natural Gas Balance just marked four years of protecting Michigan's environment thanks to your support!

Thank you for continuing to be a valued member of the Natural Gas community, more than 12,000 participants strong! Together, we are advancing the development and use of renewable natural gas in Michigan, protecting our state's mature trees that act as natural carbon scrubbers in the Upper Peninsula and addressing emissions from natural gas usage in heating, cooking, washing, water heating and more.

How it works

Natural Gas Balance offers you an affordable, effective way to help the environment by addressing your carbon footprint. For a small monthly fee, you can balance between 25% to 100% of greenhouse gas emissions from an average home's natural gas use.

Natural Gas Balance 2024 Impact



Carbon offsets

Trees play a vital role in mitigating climate change. They naturally absorb greenhouse gases, helping to offset emissions produced by natural gas usage.

Through a partnership that began in 2021 with Anew, North America's leading carbon offset developer, Natural Gas Balance is purchasing carbon offset credits to support sound forestry management in parts of the Upper Peninsula. Greenleaf Improved Forest Management is protecting over 20,000 acres of forest across 13 Michigan counties and one in Wisconsin, through our partnership. These trees will scrub greenhouse gases from the atmosphere for generations to come.

Breaking down the numbers

2024 carbon offset impact

18,804 metric tons

Natural gas-related CO₂-e emissions negated

Renewable natural gas

Renewable natural gas is derived by capturing methane gas emitted by organic waste materials in landfills, wastewater treatment plants and dairy farms. The gas is trapped, and impurities are removed, creating a renewable source of pipeline-quality gas. Natural Gas Balance sources renewable natural gas from multiple Michigan producers, including the Sauk Trail Hills landfill in Canton and the Water Resource Recovery Facility in Grand Rapids.

Breaking down the numbers

2024 renewable natural gas impact

12,403 mcf

Renewable natural gas acquired on behalf of participating customers, negating

676 metric tons

of natural gas-related CO₂-e emission

Your 2024 Impact

More communities earned trees by enrolling in Natural Gas Balance



For the past few years, Natural Gas Balance has incentivized customers to enroll by planting trees in their communities. Working with ReLeaf of Michigan, a tree planting and education non-profit, we continued the tradition and planted trees in public shared spaces in Wayne, Washtenaw, Muskegon, and Grand Traverse counties. These trees are no seedlings, most standing over 6 feet tall, and will continue to help make the environment cleaner for generations to come. The trees also provide habitats to local wildlife and help to beautify community lands. This year Natural Gas Balance will carry on the tradition and is aiming to plant our 100th tree!

More time to learn and grow



As the original Natural Gas Balance pilot concludes, we continue to learn. Last year, the Michigan Public Service Commission gave DTE approval to continue exploring the program's design, including supply mix and pricing. Our next steps include engaging with customers to ensure Natural Gas Balance is meeting their needs, as well as reducing the program price for Level 4.

As always, our goal is to create an affordable and impactful program to fulfill your needs.

What's next

We're proud of what we've accomplished together so far and are excited about what's ahead. In 2025, we will:

- Continue to educate customers on the importance of balancing emissions, with the intention of growing enrollment in Levels 2 through 4, with Level 4 being offered at a more affordable price.
- Use customer feedback to adjust the Natural Gas Balance program to meet your sustainability goals.

DTE's commitment to sustainability

In 2020, DTE Gas was one of the first natural gas companies to announce carbon reduction goals, with net zero goals for our own operations and gas supply and a 35% reduction in our downstream or customer emissions. Achieving this goal could reduce annual greenhouse gas emissions by more than six million metric tons – and we're on track to meet this goal.



We will reduce our own internal greenhouse gas emissions – not just methane emissions – from utility operations and aim to achieve carbon neutrality by continuing to replace aging pipelines, new operational improvements and the use of carbon offsets.



In addition, we are committed to purchasing the cleanest natural gas available from producers, which means we expect our suppliers to eliminate their own emissions as they produce natural gas.

Natural Gas Balance is a key component of DTE Energy's CleanVision initiative, a portfolio of bold environmental programs designed to achieve our ambitious climate action goals. It encompasses programs that support wind and solar energy, energy efficiency, demand response, electric vehicles and more.

Take your impact to the next level

Already enrolled? It's easy to make an even bigger impact on climate change. Consider moving up to the next level to make a greater difference in mitigating carbon emissions. Go to dteenergy.com/NaturalGasBalance and log in to adjust your level.

Let's connect!

We'd like to hear from you. Send your comments, questions and suggestions to us at NaturalGasBalance@dteenergy.com.



Project information disclosure update

Natural Gas Balance is Green-e® Climate certified and meets the environmental and consumer-protection standards for greenhouse gas emissions reductions (carbon offsets) set forth by the nonprofit Center for Resource Solutions. Learn more at www.green-e.org.

To maintain this certification, we comply with the Ethical Guidelines, Certification Categories and Disclosure & Verification Requirements of the Green-e® Climate Code of Conduct. Please view our updated [2025 Project Information](#) Disclosure for detailed information about Natural Gas Balance.