



Focus on Business

Energy Audits Can Point The Way To Savings

Businesses looking for ways to cut costs, especially during difficult economic times, should consider an energy audit to determine how to reduce consumption of natural gas and electricity.

An energy audit includes an inspection of your property and a review of your company's energy use. The audit will make recommendations on how to save energy and reduce operating costs, including whether it makes sense to invest in newer, energy-efficient equipment.

If you want to save energy and better manage your costs, have a professional energy audit conducted. North Shore Gas recommends that you get the insight only an expert auditor can provide.

The Illinois Association of Energy Raters (IAER) maintains a listing of energy auditors. All IAER members are certified by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

For more information, visit ilenergymeters.org.

From The Source

Resources for Businesses

In today's economy, most companies can use all the help they can get to make ends meet. You can find **Energy Saving Tools** and ideas for your business on our Web site at northshoregasdelivery.com/business.



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Ideas, Advice and News from North Shore Gas



Rebates For Storage Water Heaters Increased To \$140

North Shore Gas customers planning to replace their old storage water heater with a new one can save even more money under a recent change to the **Chicagoland Natural Gas Savings Program**, which provides rebates for energy-efficient upgrades.

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The program now offers \$140 rebates for certain storage water heaters, nearly double the amount previously offered. The **Chicagoland Natural Gas Savings Program** also continues to offer the following rebates:

- Up to \$750 on attic and/or wall insulation;
- Up to \$600 on high-efficiency gas boilers;
- Up to \$450 on high-efficiency gas furnaces;
- \$400 on tankless and gas condensing water heaters; and
- \$100 on clothes washers.

The current rebates apply to purchases made between May 1 and October 31, 2009. To qualify, gas furnaces, boilers and water heaters must be installed by professional contractors. Property owners may install insulation and clothes washers themselves, or hire a professional contractor.

To learn which products qualify for rebates and how to apply, visit northshoregasdelivery.com or call **866-964-7345**.

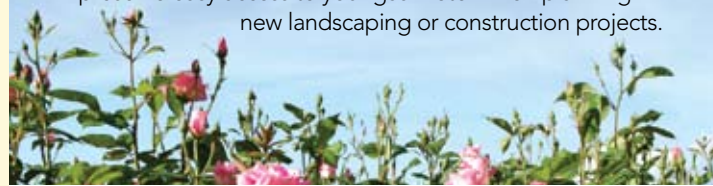


Keep Meters Clear

With higher-than-normal rainfall this spring and the arrival of warmer temperatures, the vegetation in your yard may be growing like crazy.

Overgrown brush, shrubs and other landscaping surrounding natural gas meters makes it difficult for technicians to read or service them. More importantly, excessive brush can slow responders attempting to turn off gas in an emergency.

This summer, take a few moments to cut back overgrowth around your natural gas meter. Likewise, make sure you preserve easy access to your gas meter when planning new landscaping or construction projects.



NORTH SHORE GAS SPONSORS SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

With support from North Shore Gas, the Lake County Forest Preserves will once again offer free outdoor concerts this summer in Libertyville.

The series kicks off Wednesday, June 10 with the Navy Band Great Lakes from the nearby Naval Station from which the band takes its name. All other concerts will be held on Tuesday evenings, from June 16 to August 11, except June 23. In the event of rain, concerts will be held on Thursday evenings.

The concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Millennia Plaza at Independence Grove, on Buckley Road just east of Milwaukee Avenue. For more information, visit lcfpd.org or independencegrove.org or call **847-968-3499**.



Cyclists Stay Up All Night On Annual L.A.T.E. Ride

North Shore Gas will be a proud sponsor of the annual McDonald's L.A.T.E. Ride in the early hours of July 12, when up to 10,000 bicyclists will ride through Chicago neighborhoods and along the lakefront.

Kicking off at midnight, the L.A.T.E. Ride takes participants on a 25-mile trek through the streets of Chicago before finishing at Grant Park, where the riders enjoy breakfast while watching the sun rise over Lake Michigan.

Registration fees benefit Friends of the Park, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving, protecting and improving Chicago's parks and forest preserves. For information about riding or volunteering, visit lateride.org.

