

**How will the rise in global natural gas prices affect your electric bill and what can you do about it?  
Taking action now may help your electric bill in the winter.**

You may have heard the news about spiking natural gas prices but how will that affect you as a TMLP electric customer, even if you don't have natural gas?

Our region relies heavily on natural gas for electric generation with approximately 50% of New England's electric supply coming from natural gas. However, recent disruptions in the global fuels markets will present challenges with both the availability and price of natural gas this winter.

Along with generating electricity ourselves, TMLP purchases a diverse mix of power from suppliers to meet the electric needs of our customers. Market prices have more than doubled in the past year and we are projecting that they will continue to rise through this winter.

Here is what you can do to help, **CONSERVATION**. Conservation is key, not only for your bill but everyone else's as well. We all need to conserve so our total electric load is reduced, therefore, reducing costs associated with transmitting and generating electricity outside our service area. Tips to get started:

1. **Keep your thermostat at 68 degrees** in the winter and wear warmer clothes in doors. The key here is that we all need to do it, so please spread the word. Programmable thermostats will help you, "set it and forget it". We offer rebates towards the upgrade to programmable or wi-fi thermostats. Follow the link to the qualifying details: <https://www.tmlp.com/go-green/residential-appliance-rebate/>
2. **Weatherize your home**. Every little bit helps. Insulating your home with efficient rated insulation to sealing drafty doors and windows and even adding energy efficient blinds or window treatments. We offer programs to help:
  - a. **Energy Audit**- FREE for TMLP customers, a certified auditor will come out to your home to identify energy inefficiencies and make recommendations. You receive a full report with estimated costs and savings if you take suggested action. Call our energy audit partner, ENE today to request your free energy audit: 888.772.4242
  - b. **House n' Home** – Our weatherization program which will give you 50% of total material and installation costs up to \$500 if you implement a qualifying measure such as insulation, air sealing and even the energy efficient blinds mentioned above. Here is a link to the program details: <https://www.tmlp.com/go-green/residential-house-n-home/>
3. **More tips** at: <https://www.tmlp.com/go-green/energy> efficiency tips

By adjusting our behavior, together we can conserve and help to reduce the impact of this upcoming winter's natural gas price spikes.

TMLP serves over 39,000 customers in Taunton, Raynham, Berkley, North Dighton and sections of Lakeville and Bridgewater. Our mission is to provide reliable, competitively priced services to our community in a sustainable, environmentally-sensitive and customer-centric manner. [www.tmlp.com](http://www.tmlp.com)

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