

HOW TO CALCULATE NATURAL GAS BILLS
(Washington)

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Calculating, or Estimating, Your Monthly Natural Gas Bill

- 1. Find, or estimate, the number of therms you used for the billing month.
(Your bill shows them under “metering information.”)
- 2. Find the appropriate rate schedule below.
(Your bill identifies the rate schedule each meter is billed under.)
- 3. Compute the charges for your gas usage, or estimated usage, by following the steps outlined for the appropriate rate schedule.
(For your convenience, the energy charges include the effect of Schedules 150, 155, 164, 166, 175, 178, 191, & 192.)

Note: For purposes of calculating the cost and benefit associated with Schedule 164, Climate Commitment Act, the calculations below are applicable to premises that were connected to the system prior to 7/26/2021 and therefor receive a benefit. Those connected on or after 7/26/2021 are not eligible to receive a benefit in accordance with the Climate Commitment Act.

- 4. Calculate and add any franchise fees that you may have to pay for your gas usage.
(The various franchise fees are identified below, as well as on your monthly bill.)

Computing Your Natural Gas Therm Usage

- * Subtract your previous meter reading from your present meter reading.
- * Multiply the difference by the multifactor shown for your meter and round to the nearest whole number.
(This is your natural gas therm usage for the period.)
- * Compute the charges by using the rate schedule shown on your bill, or an example shown below.

Explanation of Terms

Basic Charge:

Customers billed under some rate schedules are charged a fee which helps to pay the basic costs which are a natural part of keeping gas available to all our customers. Examples include meter reading and billing costs and the cost of maintaining company equipment on the customer’s premises. The basic charge is added into the total charge for your use.

Minimum Charge:

If a rate schedule lists a minimum charge we will bill at least that amount each month, even if the actual charges for your use were less than that amount. The minimum charge, like the basic charge, is designed to help pay basic costs of keeping gas available to our customers.

Therms:

Your use of gas is billed in units called therms. One therm equals the heating capacity of approximately 100,000 matches.

Multifactor:

Your gas meter measures gas in cubic feet. The heating capacity of a cubic foot of gas varies depending on what source Avista Corporation gets it from. In order to bill our customers only for the heating capacity that the gas provides, we use a multifactor to convert cubic feet into therms. The multifactor varies with differences in the grade of gas we can provide our customers.

RATE SCHEDULES

Customers served under Schedules 101 and 111 are eligible for service under either Schedule. If you take service under either of these Schedules, and you believe your bill would be considerably less by taking service under the other Schedule for an entire year, please contact one of our customer service representatives at the office shown on your bill.

Rate Schedules 112, 131, 132, 146, and 148 are available, under contract, to large and extra-large gas customers. They are not explained here because of their limited application.

City	%	City	%	City	%
Airway Heights	6.0	Goldendale	6.0	Rosalia	5.0
Albion	6.0	Kettle Falls	6.0	Spangle	6.00
Asotin	6.0	Lacrosse	6.0	Spokane	6.38
Cheney	14.75	Lind	6.0	Sprague	6.0
Chewelah	6.0	Medical Lake	6.0	Stevenson	3.0
Clarkston	6.0	Millwood	2.0	Uniontown	6.0
Colfax	6.0	Odessa	6.0	Warden (First \$500)	6.0
Colville	6.0	Palouse	6.0		
Connell	6.0	Pullman	8.0		
Deer Park	6.0	Ritzville	6.0		

Rate Schedule 101 - General Service

Monthly Charges (Includes the effects of Schedules 150, 155, 164, 166, 175, 178, 191, & 192)

\$10.50	Basic Charge,	plus
\$1.18004	First 70 Therms	
\$1.35512	Over 70 Therms	
Schedule 164 CCA Benefit of 100% of the amount charged on Schedule 164 (\$0.39984/therm) up to \$4.08 per month Apr-Oct and \$17.31 Nov-Mar		

Example					
If you used 70 Therms of gas, your bill would be calculated as follows:					
Basic Charge	=	\$10.50			
\$1.18034 x 70 Therms	=	\$82.62			
Plus CCA Charge					
\$0.39984 x 70		\$27.99			
Less CCA Benefit					
(CCA Sch 164 Benefit = \$0.39984 * 70 = \$27.99 Max = \$17.31)		\$ (17.31)			
Total Charge for service	=	\$103.80	(franchise fees not included)		
(Minimum charge is \$10.50)					

Rate Schedule 111 - Large General Service

Monthly Charges

(Includes the effects of Schedules 150, 155, 164, 166, 175, 178, 191, & 192)

If consumption is less than or equal to 200 therms:

\$150.11	Minimum Charge, Plus			
\$0.42276	per therm for the first	200	therms **	(See example below for Min. use customer)

If consumption is greater than 200 therms:

\$1.17331	per therm for the first	200	therms
\$0.86525	per therm for the next	800	therms
\$0.76004	per therm for the next	9000	therms
\$0.71054	per therm for the next	15000	therms
\$0.62465	per therm for all additional therms		

(Minimum charge is \$150.11, plus the adjustments from Schedules 150, 155, 175, 176, 178, 191, & 192, unless a higher minimum is required under contract to cover special conditions.)

Plus Sch 164 CCA Charge of \$0.39984 per therm (all therms) less Schedule 164 CCA Benefit of 55% of the amount charged on Schedule 164 per block (up to: B1=\$31.94 B2=\$133.59 B3=\$473.04 B4=\$1,626.35 B5=\$5,491.07)

Example for Minimum Use Customer (Less than 200 therms per month) -

If you used 175 therms of gas, your bill would be calculated as follows:				
Minimum charge for use of less than 200 therms	=	\$150.11	plus	
Sched 111 rate per therm:				
\$ - X 175 therms	=	\$ -	plus	
Sched 150 rate per therm:				
\$ 0.31348 X 175 therms	=	\$ 54.86	plus	
Sched 155 rate per therm:				
\$ (0.05249) X 175 therms	=	\$ (9.19)	plus	
Sched 161 rate per therm:				
\$ 0.00003 X 175 therms	=	\$ 0.01	plus	
Sched 166 rate per therm:				
\$ 0.00022 X 175 therms	=	\$ 0.04	plus	
Sched 175 rate per therm:				
\$ 0.05565 X 175 therms	=	\$ 9.74	plus	
Sched 176 rate per therm:				
\$ - X 175 therms	=	\$ -	plus	
Sched 178 rate per therm:				
\$ - X 175 therms	=	\$ -	plus	
Sched 191 rate per therm:				
\$ 0.05767 X 175 therms	=	\$ 10.09	plus	
Sched 192 rate per therm:				
\$ 0.04823 X 175 therms	=	\$ 8.44	plus	
Plus Sch 164 CCA Charge				
\$ 0.39984 X 175 therms	=	\$ 69.97	plus	
Less Sch 164 CCA Benefit				
Block 1 max benefit up to \$31.94 or 55% of Sch 164 Charges =				
\$69.97 * 55% = \$38.48		\$ (31.94)		
Total Charge for service		\$262.13	(franchise fees not included)	

Example for Other Customers (use of more than 200 therms per month) -

If you used 1240 therms of gas, your bill would be calculated like this:				
Minmum Charge	=	\$0.00		
\$1.17331 x 200	=	\$234.66		
\$0.86525 x 800	=	\$692.20		
\$0.62465 x 240	=	\$149.92		
\$0.39984 x 1240	=	\$495.80	Sch 164 CCA Charge	
Blocks 1-3 max benefit up to \$638.57 or 55% of Sch 164				
Charges = \$495.80 * 55% = \$272.69		(272.69)	Sch 164 CCA Benefit	
Total Charge for service		\$1,299.89	(franchise fees not included)	