

# NATURAL GAS HOME BUILDER REBATE PROGRAM



## **Policy Description:**

The City of Corpus Christi Gas Department has implemented an incentive program with new opportunities that will encourage builders and developers to offer Natural Gas as a standard feature in all future projects they build in Corpus Christi. This program is implemented in accordance with City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 55, Utilities, Section 65, Builders Incentive Program.

The Natural Gas Home Builder Rebate Program will promote builders and developers to share the commitment with the City of Corpus Christi Gas Department to provide projects with long term money saving opportunities by using efficient Natural Gas appliances. The program will be funded out of the Gas Load Development Organization from the Gas Department's 2009-10 operating budget.

## **Eligibility Criteria:**

The incentive package is offered to all builders and developers that commit to building future residential homes with Natural Gas. Each home must have a minimum of three outlets placed strategically for the following natural gas appliances in the following order:

- Natural Gas water heater
- Natural Gas clothes dryer
- Natural gas cook top and/or Natural Gas Furnace

A \$1,000 rebate will be given to the builder after an inspection of the appliances from the Corpus Christi Gas Department Marketing Representative on each home meeting the criteria above. The Corpus Christi Gas Department will install up to 100 feet of service line, provide an anode-less service riser and meter against the house at a pre-designated point of entry. Builders are asked to give proper notice for service line installation to take place without obstructions for the necessary equipment to dig the trench to install the service line. All gas lines installed inside the house will be the responsibility of the builder.

In addition to the \$1,000 rebate and the service line installation, builders will be included in advertisements with the City of Corpus Christi Gas Department. Builders will be recognized as Natural Gas Home Builders in the Corpus Christi Caller Times, City Utility Bill Inserts, at Home Expos, Corpus Christi Builders Association, and our website. Rebates of \$75.00 for the pool heater and fireplace are still applicable. **This program cannot be used in conjunction with any other program.**

Additionally, the Gas Department has the Natural Advantage Home Rebate Program, which offers two options to encourage the use of Natural Gas in new and existing residential development projects.

- **Option One:** A \$500 rebate will be given for each housing unit that is built or retrofitted with a Natural Gas water heater, a natural gas yard lamp and two additional natural gas appliance outlets. These outlets are to be strategically placed to connect a natural gas stove/cook top, clothes dryer, or furnace. The natural gas yard lamp will be installed “turnkey” by the City Of Corpus Christi Gas Department.
- **Option Two:** A rebate in the amount specified will be given for each natural gas appliance installed in a new home or for each natural gas appliance conversion in an existing home as listed below.

Water-Heater	\$300.00
Furnace	\$200.00
Clothes Dryer	\$50.00
Stove/cook top	\$50.00
Fireplace	\$75.00
Pool Heater	\$75.00
Total	\$750.00

### **How to Apply:**

For more information regarding this incentive please contact the Gas Department at (361) 885-6910 or visit our website: [www.cctexas.com](http://www.cctexas.com).

Applicants seeking incentives must file an application for Economic Incentives before the request can be considered. Please contact the City of Corpus Christi’s Economic Development Office at (361) 826-3850 to request the application or visit [www.cctexas.com/economicdevelopment](http://www.cctexas.com/economicdevelopment) to download the application.

The City shall not grant any incentive unless the business submits a full and complete application and provides additional information as may be requested. The accuracy of the information in the application is the sole responsibility of the applicant. Upon request the applicant shall provide supporting documentation. Any misstatement of or error in fact may render an application null and void and may cause for repeal of any ordinance adopted in reliance of said information.

If it is determined that the application meets these guidelines a full and financial programmatic review will be conducted. This review may be done by City Staff, an outside agency or consultant and will ensure conformance with these guidelines

**Additional Resources:**

Development Services

[www.cctexas.com/developmentservices](http://www.cctexas.com/developmentservices)

Economic Development

[www.cctexas.com/economicdevelopment](http://www.cctexas.com/economicdevelopment)