

# RENTERS: How To Read An Apartment's Energy Cost Reports

## Monthly Natural Gas Cost Estimate

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1. Look at both the natural gas and electricity reports to understand total energy costs

The following information is provided as part of CenterPointEnergy's energy benchmarking toolkit to help users access and better understand their property's overall energy use and costs.

This document provides an estimate for annual natural gas energy costs per square foot and per bedroom using the property's most recent 24 months of aggregated natural gas energy use data, and total floor area and total bedrooms provided by the property's owner or manager.

Natural gas utility bills at a property can vary based on how the property's natural gas uses and costs are distributed amongst property management and residents. An individual customer's natural gas utility bill will also vary seasonally as natural gas equipment use increases in colder months.

Weatherization improvements and energy efficient appliances can help reduce a property's natural gas use and costs, visit [www.CenterPointEnergy.Com/SaveEnergy](http://www.CenterPointEnergy.Com/SaveEnergy) to learn more.

2. Verify the building name and address

Property name: Example 1

Utility service address(es): 123 Factory Street, Minneapolis, MN 55402-1888

### Property Natural Gas Usage

Energy use period beginning: 09/01/2016

Energy use period ending: 09/01/2018

Total natural gas energy use during period: 77,134 therms

Total natural gas energy cost(\$)<sup>1</sup>: \$51,909.00

Average monthly natural gas energy use: 3,213 therms per month

Average monthly natural gas energy cost(\$)<sup>1</sup>: \$2,162.00 per month

### Property Characteristics

Total Floor Area (sqft)<sup>2</sup>: 25,000

Property Total Dwelling Units<sup>2</sup>: 20

Property Total Bedrooms<sup>2</sup>: 25

3. Compare the different average monthly energy costs per bedroom for your different housing options. An apartment that has lower costs may save you money on your bills.

Natural gas energy cost estimate:

\$0.09 monthly per square foot

\$86.51 monthly per bedroom

4. Talk to the property owner about energy costs so you understand which costs are paid directly by the renter and which are paid by the owner

<sup>1</sup> Total energy use and costs associated with the property (as defined by the utility service addresses displayed above) are provided by CenterPoint Energy. These aggregate costs represent costs associated with all gas use at the building, including common areas. Aggregated costs do not include applicable local, state or federal taxes.

<sup>2</sup> CenterPoint cannot verify the information provided by property owners and managers; any errors in the reporting would affect the accuracy of the reported metrics of cost per square foot or the cost per bedroom.