# ENERGY INSIGHTS MARCH 2022

A newsletter for customers of Holyoke Gas & Electric

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## Introducing HG&E's New Website www.hged.com

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Holyoke Gas & Electric recently launched a new website, **www.hged.com**, which includes many new features that will help customers easily access information, pay bills, contact us, and much more! The design is responsive to various devices and will scale to the specific size of your screen, from a desktop computer to a smart phone.

The new site welcomes visitors with a bold color scheme, crisp imagery, and updated content that describes all that HG&E has to offer. The site navigation allows for intuitive movement by providing five sections of primary navigation, as well as options to quickly navigate to residential, commercial, outage, and contact information. With the click of a button, the whole site is translatable to 100+ languages.

As customers dig deeper into the site, they can find online forms, a clean energy dashboard, smart energy recommendations, a bill sample, news, and map integration.

Please take a moment to review the new site by visiting **www.hged.com**! Feel free to contact us with questions and website feedback, **www.hged.com/contact**.



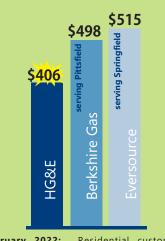
### **RATE COMPARISONS**





**February 2022:** Residential customer consuming 500 kWh/month. Amounts shown include all discounts and use the fixed default generation supply price.

### LOWEST NATURAL GAS RATE



**February 2022:** Residential customer consuming 284 CCF/month. Amounts shown include all discounts.



### **Important Customer Notice Gas Meters & Walking Surveys**

This spring, HG&E uniformed personnel may be in your neighborhood completing meter inspections and replacements. In order to comply with state regulations, HG&E must inspect your gas meter at least once every three years and replace your gas meter every seven years. If a gas meter is due for inspection or replacement and access to your home is required, HG&E will notify the property owner of the required work to schedule an appointment. As a reminder, customers must provide access to HG&E meters as a condition of service.

In addition to the meter inspections, HG&E annually conducts walking surveys of gas services. Contracted personnel may be in your neighborhood performing this service. The survey consists of walking the length of the gas service from the street to the home. This is all part of HG&E's commitment to system safety.

If you have any questions, please contact HG&E at **(413) 536-9300**. Thank you for your patience and cooperation!

## **ATTENTION SENIOR HOMEOWNERS**

Office

A message from the City of Holyoke Tax Assessors Office

As a homeowner you may qualify for a tax exemption of up to \$750 if you meet the following criteria:

- Owned & occupied your home for 5 years as of July 1, 2021
- Age 67 by July 1, 2021 or older
- Taxes must be current
- Must not exceed income and asset guidelines:

	INCOME	ASSETS
SINGLE	\$24,911**	\$40,000
MARRIED	\$37 <i>,</i> 367**	\$55 <i>,</i> 000

Please contact the City of Holyoke Assessor's Office at **(413) 322-5550**. The Assessor team will be happy to assist with submitting an application. \*\*gross income from all sources including Social Security deduction



HG&E Main Office 99 Suffolk Street Holyoke, MA 01040 (413) 536-9300 www.hged.com

Customer Service Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Contact Customer Service: (413) 536-9300 Customer\_Accounts@hged.com

Marketing/Communications: Kate Sullivan Craven ksullivan@hged.com

#### **Payment Options**

Online Payment www.hged.com/payonline

Phone Payment (413) 536-9300 (Option 5)

Drive Thru Kiosk (24/7) Walk In 99 Suffolk Street Holyoke, MA 01040 (413) 536-9300

<u>Mail</u> P.O. Box 4165 Woburn, MA 01888-4165

Holyoke drop boxes • C-Mart, 1500 Northampton Street • DB Mart, 494 Westfield Road • Stop & Shop, 28 Lincoln Street • Stop & Shop, 2265 Northampton Street • Wally's BP Shop, 297 Apremont Highway

### **Holiday Closings**

Patriots' Day Monday, April 18

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