



## A Must-Have

Homebuyers consistently rate fireplaces as a “must-have” in consumer preference surveys. However, many homeowners do not often use wood-burning fireplaces, because it can be time-consuming and messy to collect wood, build a fire, tend it, cool it down and clean up the ashes.

## Benefits of Natural Gas

Natural gas fireplaces, stoves, fireplace inserts and gas logs sets burn more cleanly than wood fireplaces. This means no ash build-up, no creosote in chimneys and no sparks or flying embers that could burn holes in carpets or furniture.

**You never have to worry about hauling, chopping or storing wood** with a natural gas fireplace.

**Lighting a natural gas hearth is as fast and simple** as turning a knob or flicking a switch. Because natural gas hearth products also turn off just as easily, you never have to leave a fire burning when you have to leave your home or go to bed.

**With a simple installation,** families who already have a masonry fireplace and a chimney in good shape can easily upgrade to a gas fireplace. And new manufactured gas fireplaces can be installed without a conventional chimney.

**A natural gas fireplace can quickly fill a room with warmth** faster than a wood-burning fireplace.



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## Energy Use and Operating Costs

Gas fireplaces can save consumers money over using purchased firewood. Masonry fireplaces are 10 to 25% efficient, compared with efficiencies as high as 80% for natural gas fireplaces.

The cost of operating a natural gas fireplace ranges between 18 and 35 cents per hour. According to the American Gas Association, the cost of burning purchased firewood in a masonry fireplace averages 88 cents per hour. Natural gas fireplaces are comparable in price to wood stoves, ranging from \$900 to \$2,500. Decorative log sets are priced much lower.





## Gas Fireplaces

Gas fireplaces are complete, prefabricated units that contain a gas fire within a prefabricated metal firebox. They come in a variety of sizes and styles, including see-through, three-sided and traditional fireplace configurations. The fireplace can be placed along inside or outside walls, under windows, as a peninsula between rooms, in bookcases and media centers or in corners. These units can be vented up through the roof or through a side wall, or can be unvented. Some models use a fan or blower to circulate warm air from the fire into the room. Because no masonry work is needed, natural gas fireplaces are economical to install.

All natural gas fireplaces feature realistic gas logs with burning flames, and some can be used as supplemental heat. Gas fireplaces that are classified as “decorative” appliances are designed primarily for their appearance and the radiant heat they provide to a room.



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## Gas Logs

Gas fireplace logs are constructed of ceramic fiber or concrete with a gas burner underneath. They are available in a variety of designs crafted to resemble real wood. The gas burner assembly creates a pleasant effect that suggests lively glowing embers.

## Switching to Natural Gas

**Make natural gas the fuel of choice for your home.** If you currently do not have natural gas service and are considering upgrading, please contact Vectren at 1-800-227-1376 or visit us online at [www.vectren.com](http://www.vectren.com). Vectren sales and marketing representatives will work with you to determine if natural gas is available in your neighborhood and the costs associated with conversion.



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