

# Learn how cap and trade will affect your bill and what you can do to manage it.



In January, Ontario begins a cap and trade program as part of changes intended to lower levels of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions across the province. As part of the program, there will be costs related to the GHG emissions from natural gas used in homes and businesses.



The government has indicated that the funds collected through cap and trade will go to programs – like energy conservation – to reduce GHG emissions.



We have information and programs that may help you reduce energy use and your overall energy and GHG emission costs. Learn more at **[enbridgegas.com/capandtrade](http://enbridgegas.com/capandtrade)** and watch your bill for updates.

**For our customers, cap and trade means you will pay for GHG emissions related to your use of natural gas.** As your natural gas distributor, the government requires us to acquire GHG allowances to cover the emissions for the natural gas consumed by our residential and business customers. The cost of these allowances will be determined in part by the market and passed through to customers based on the amount of natural gas they use. Some businesses with large emissions may need, or will be able, to acquire their own emission allowances.

**The government estimates that cap and trade will cost about 3.3 cents per cubic metre (m<sup>3</sup>)\*. The cost to you will be determined by multiplying the cap and trade rate by the number of m<sup>3</sup> you use. The amount of natural gas you use is shown on your bill.** The Ontario Energy Board will review and approve cap and trade rates before we pass it through to you. The charges to recover emission costs will be included in the Delivery to You charge on your bill. If the charges we collect are higher or lower than the actual costs, your bill will be adjusted accordingly. Approved cap and trade rates will be available on our website.

**Did you know? Natural gas is the cleanest burning conventional fuel. It is also affordable, costing about 65% less than electricity and oil for home and water heating.\*\***

\*Estimated cap and trade cost only. A typical residential customer uses 2,400 m<sup>3</sup> of natural gas for home and water heating per year.

\*\*On average over five years based on Enbridge Gas residential rates October 1, 2016, Toronto May 1, 2016 electricity rates and Statistics Canada oil prices as of August 2016. Calculated for the equivalent energy consumed by a typical residential customer. Includes all service, delivery and energy charges. Excludes HST.