

Understanding your bill

Knowing some common terminology will help you understand how your bill adds up. Here are some explanations to commonly used terms:

- Avg. Daily temp (F): the average daily temperature for the billing cycle
- Therm: unit of measurement used to bill gas usage. Your gas meter measures in cubic feet. We use a multiplier to convert cubic feet into therms. The multiplier varies depending on the altitude of where you live as well as the energy value of the gas used during the billing period. A therm of natural gas is equal to 100,000 BTU
- kW-kilowatt: the measure of the rate at which electrical energy is used. Kilo means 1000, so a kilowatt is equal to 1000 watts. Similar to a speedometer on a car that measures how fast the car is traveling at a given point in time.
- kWh-kilowatt hour: the measure of the amount of electricity used over one hour. It would be similar to the odometer on a car that tells how many miles the car traveled in one hour. The kWh is measuring the usage over a specific time frame of one hour. For example, if a heater used 1000 watts and ran for one hour, it would use 1 kWh for that hour.

You're invited!

NorthWestern Energy invites you and your family to 2019 Montana Folk Festival July 12-14. This three-day event celebrates traditional music, dance, arts and ethnic cuisine.

In 2019, the festival will include six stages, including our NorthWestern Energy Stage on Broadway Street in Butte. The festival will feature the talents of more than 200 artists presenting music and dance performances that represent musical traditions from around the world that have contributed to the heritage of our region and our nation. Admission is free for all performances.

Find details at MontanaFolkFestival.com or on Facebook at mtfolkfest.

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How to read your bill

- The account holder's name, account number, account description (if applicable) and bill date.
- The service address for this account.
- The date payment must be received, so it is not considered past due. If you are on automatic bill pay, the date when your payment will be withdrawn is displayed as "Bank Draft Scheduled on"
- The total amount due reflects all current and outstanding charges.
- 5 A 13-month graph representing the service provided.
- 6 Compare your days of service, energy usage, average per-day costs and daily temperatures during the same period last year, the prior month and the current month.
- 7 A snapshot of your account since your last bill. It includes

the balance from any previous bills, payments, current charges and any other adjustments processed on your account, as well as your total amount due for the month. Payments received after the billing date are not included.

- A summary of current charges associated with your service. (See reverse side for details).
- For customers enrolled in budget billing, a summary of your actual account information is provided. For customers not currently participating in the budget billing program, we will provide an approximate budget billing amount for eligible accounts if you were to sign up for the program.
- Important information related to your account or service.
- The message board provides important information about rates and how to contact NorthWestern Energy.

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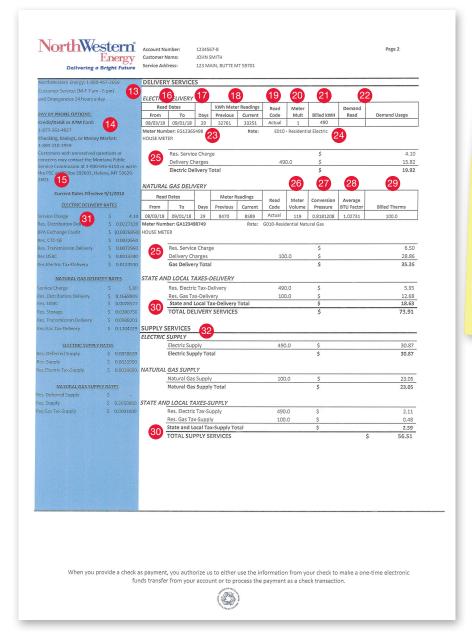
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Tear off this portion of your statement if you would like to send a check (payable to NorthWestern Energy) to pay your bill. Your account number, due date, total amount due and payment mailing address are already provided. Please make sure the NorthWestern Energy address shows through the return envelope window and don't forget to allow 3-5 days for your payment to mail and process. You can also pay electronically through My Energy Account at NorthWesternEnergy.com.

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- 13 Our toll-free number and hours of operation.
- Phone number for paying your bill.
- Contact information for the state utility commission.
- 16 The start and end dates of your current meter reading.
- The number of days in the bill cycle, which may fluctuate between billing cycles.
- 18 The previous and current month's meter readings.
- 19 The Read Code indicates if the meter read was actual or estimated. If estimated, we calculate your bill based on the past usage at the address. Any adjustments will occur with the next actual meter reading.
- The number that, when multiplied with the meter reading, determines the actual energy used.
- 3 Billed kWh is the energy used in kilowatthours (kWh). This is calculated by subtracting your previous month meter read from your current month meter read and multiplying the difference by the Meter Multiplier.
- Demand Read and Demand Usage are additional reads and usage included on certain types of meters to measure efficiency. Demand represents the highest usage of energy in any 15-minute period during a monthly billing cycle. Demand is measured in kilowatts (kW). High demand is typically associated with equipment start-up. By spreading equipment start-ups over a more extended period, you may be able to lower demand and reduce your demand charges.

- The identification number of the meter located at this service.
- ²⁴ The rate number and description of your rate for billing purposes.
- 25 A summary of your monthly usage multiplied by the rates associated with the delivery of energy with the exception of taxes, as listed on the left hand column of the page. Energy delivery charges can be thought of as cost to use the highways (pipes and wires) that deliver the energy from the generation source to the user. These charges are subject to regulation by the State Utility Commissions and, where appropriate, the Federal Regulatory Commission.
- ²⁶ The amount of natural gas billed during the period in CCF (the volume of 100 cubic feet).
- Conversion Pressure is a factor used to convert CCF to therms for billing purposes.
- Average BTU factor is the energy value of the gas used during the billing period. It is updated every month and is used to convert CCF to Therms for billing.
- Billed Therms is calculated by multiplying the Meter Volume by the Conversion Pressure by the Average BTU Factor.
- This section contains a summary of the state and local taxes based on your usage.
- Displays the current rates and their effective date. Billing periods may include more than one effective rate.
- 32 Supply Services is the charge for the amount of electricity or natural gas you use. The supply may come from a variety of sources, some owned by NorthWestern Energy and others owned by third-party suppliers.

Rate Review Update

As you may be aware, we are currently in the process of a rate review that may impact our Montana customers. As of press time for the bill insert, we are working diligently with the Montana Public Service Commission to identify next steps. Watch our July bill insert for a complete summary and explanation of what the rate review means to all our customers. For customers that are online and want to stay up-to-date, we encourage you to follow us on Facebook and Twitter to get the latest company news.

Contact us...

MONTANA

Customer Contact Center (888) 467-2669 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. M-F Emergency 24/7 Service

Call Before You Dig 811 Energy Efficiency (800) 823-5995

NEBRASKA

Customer Contact Center (800) 245-6977 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. M-F

Emergency 24/7 Service Call Before You Dig 811

SOUTH DAKOTA

Customer Contact Center (800) 245-6977 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. M-F

Emergency 24/7 Service

Call Before You Dig

PAYMENT

Automated Phone

Payment Option: (800) 218-4959 (via checking, savings, or money market account)

SpeedPay Automated

Phone Payment Option: (877) 361-4927

(via credit card account)









We are required to translate important customer information for populations in our service area that meet a certain threshold. We have two languages that currently meet that threshold: Spanish and Karenic.

Nos preocupamos por su seguridad. Este anexo a su factura incluye mensajes importantes sobre seguridad que usted necesita saber con respecto al servicio público que le proporciona NorthWestern Energy. Comuníquese con nosotros si desea recibir la información de seguridad en español, llamando al teléfono 888-467-2669 (en Montana) 800-245-6977 (en South Dakota o Nebraska) y pregunte por las opciones de idiomas para los anexos de sus facturas

ပဘဉ်ယိဉ်နှစ်တာလ၊ နတာ်ပူးဖြဲးအင်္ဂါနှဉ်လီး. လာ်တာ်ယ့ကွဲစရီဘ္(လ) လ၊ တါထ၊နုဂ်လီးအီးအံး ပဉ်ယုဂ်ိဳးတါဘံဉ်တါဘာတါကစီဉ်အရှိ တဖဉ်လၢ နကြားသူဉ်ညါအီးလၢ အဘဉ်ဃႏီး NorthWestern Energy ထံမှဉ်အူတါမာန္ဦလီး. ဆုံးကျာပှာဖဲ နမ္ါလိဉ်ဘဉ် တါဂ့ါတါကျိုးတဖဉ် ყւოညီကျိၵ် (Karenic) , စီဖျိ တာ်ကိုးလီတဲစိဆူ 888-467-2669 (လၢမိ၄ိထါနှ၄် (Montana) အပူး)800-245-6977 (လၢက လံးစီး ໂຈိໝဉ် (South Dakota) မှတမှာ နံဉ်ဘြဉ်စခဉ် (Nebraska)) 3 ເພລຸຊໂလາ တဂ်ကထားနုဉ်လီး ကွဲ စရိကျိဉ်တာ်ယုထားတဖဉ်အဂ်ဂိန္နဉ်တက္နာ်.

