

# PIPELINE



## Upgrading Metering & Measuring Technology to Better Serve Our Customers

I write to update you on the project converting our meter reading system to an automated system. In the Spring of 2021, DC Gas began the process of installing radio reading devices inside



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each meter in our system, and by the end of calendar year 2021, the installation will be complete.

This system will allow our employees to timely and accurately collect meter readings

and customer gas usage data without having to physically inspect the meter each month. Additionally, the new equipment installed on your meter will allow us to capture real-time usage data on a daily basis to better monitor and control system integrity. The automated system installed by DC Gas is in use by over 500,000 other natural gas customers in Alabama, and has proven its accuracy and dependability.

We continue daily to reaffirm our commitment to you to provide you with clean, efficient, reliable, and economical natural gas for your energy needs, and thank you for choosing DC Gas as your energy provider.



## Sip a Cup of Cocoa in Front of the Fire

It's almost the time of year when we love to warm our toes and our hearts in front of a fireplace. Gas fireplaces make a beautiful addition to your family's living space, but remember they produce heat and with that means a need for safety.

**To help keep your family healthy around the hearth, we're sharing a few tips.**

- ✓ When using vent-free gas logs, glass fireplace doors should always be fully open.
- ✓ Young children and pets should be carefully supervised around fireplace.
- ✓ Always operate heater with fireplace screen in place.
- ✓ Never place trash, firewood or other articles on the log set during operation.
- ✓ Do not place clothing or other flammable material on or near the fireplace.
- ✓ Install a carbon monoxide detector on the level of your home where your gas fireplace is located. Our fire log sets are equipped with a pilot light safety system designed to turn off the heater if not enough fresh air is available.
- ✓ Have your fireplace inspected by a qualified service technician with an annual check-up, ensuring your connections are tight and clean and clear debris around the gas log insert. Gas fireplaces should be cleaned annually.



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# Cookin' with Gas This Holiday Season

**Do you enjoy cooking with gas?** Some of the top chefs in the country do, too, as their work demands control and reliability of heat. This holiday season, your natural gas stove and oven provide a trusted way to prepare your family's favorites. Features like removable knobs, porcelain drip pans under burners and a raised edge around the cooktop also make for easy cleanup.



## Stove-top Mashed Sweet Potatoes with a Maple Pecan Drizzle

### Ingredients:

- 6 tablespoons of butter, divided
- 2 1/2 pounds sweet potatoes (3-4 large ones), peeled and cut into half-inch thick pieces
- 1 cup of milk (not nonfat - this is a holiday recipe, after all)
- 1/2 teaspoon of salt
- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 1/2 cup of chopped pecans

Melt 4 tablespoons of butter in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add the sweet potatoes, stir to coat with the butter and sauce for about five minutes. Add 2/3 cup of the milk and the salt, then stir. Cover the pot and turn the heat down to medium-low. Cook the sweet potatoes, uncovering the pot to stir every 5 minutes until they are very soft and falling apart (about 15 minutes). If liquid evaporates and potatoes start to brown, add a little water, stir and turn the heat down a little. When the sweet potatoes are finished cooking, turn off the heat.

Mash the potatoes in the pot, then add the rest of the milk and whisk until whipped. Taste for seasoning and add more salt if needed. Spoon into a serving dish. Heat the remaining two tablespoons of butter with the maple syrup and pecans in a small skillet or saucepan using medium heat. When it starts to bubble, stir and pour over the sweet potatoes. Serve hot.



## Gingerbread Fudge

### Ingredients:

- 12 oz. white chocolate
- 1 cup sweetened condensed milk
- 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 tablespoon red nonpareils
- 1/2 tablespoon green nonpareils

Chop the white chocolate into small pieces (or use chips). Fill the bottom half of a double boiler with about 1 inch of water and heat over medium high on the gas stove top until it begins to boil. The water should not come in contact with the top portion of the double-boiler, even after it starts to boil. Reduce the heat to low, then heat the white chocolate in the top portion of the double-boiler. Stir the white chocolate continuously as it melts. Do not overheat or let it become lumpy.

In a large bowl, mix together the melted white chocolate and sweetened condensed milk. Add the spices and stir until combined. Stir in the nonpareils. Using a spatula, transfer the huge into a parchment-lined glass baking dish and smooth over the top. Sprinkle remaining nonpareils for topping and let sit until firm. At least one hour. Cut into squares and enjoy!

## Appliance Spotlight

We're proud to offer Empire products so you can cozy up to a beautiful fireplace in your home.



**Empire's Flint Hill Log Sets** provide rich details in hand-painted ceramic fiber logs mounted atop a vent-free contour burner. The glowing embers add to the illusion of a real wood fire setting. Flint Hill log sets are available with a remote control or thermostat option in either 18-inch, 24-inch or 30-inch models.

Choose a five-piece or seven-piece set. The 24-inch set is \$489 with thermostat or \$668 with thermostat remote control. The 24-inch set with an on/off remote control is \$628.



**Empire's Stacked Aged Oak Refractory Logs** with a Slope Glaze Burner system create an exceptionally realistic movement of the flames. Set your flame height with a variable remote control.

These seven-piece log sets are available in 18-inch, 24-inch and 30-inch models. If you want the look of real wood burning in the fireplace, you can't go wrong with these Stacked Aged Oak logs. The current price on a 24-inch set is \$899; while a 30-inch set is \$959. Both prices include a variable remote control.