

# PIPELINE



## Longtime Employee Retires After 25 YEARS

Brian Harris is retiring at the end of January from his position as warehouse manager. Brian has been with DC Gas for 25 years and has worked in the warehouse for the past three years. He started his career with DC Gas in construction, then worked as a service technician.

*"I'm going to miss the guys, the relationships, and the friendships. The people who are here now, the people who have retired. Just the camaraderie," Harris said. "I've made a lot of friends over the years."*

But Harris is not quite ready to retire from work altogether. He's starting a new position with an equipment rental company. "I'm just switching gears," he said.



Brian Harris, Retiring Warehouse Manager with new Warehouse Manager, Tim Cowart

Harris joined the DC Gas team in February 1997, then got married in November of that same year to his wife, Nichole. They have two children, Tatum, 20, and Brina, 17, who will graduate this year from Fort Payne High School. They also have a "bonus daughter," Summer, who has lived with them for about a year.

In addition to his work with DC Gas, Harris has served as pastor of Mountain View Baptist Church in Sylvania for 15 years. Tim Cowart will step into the role as warehouse manager. Cowart has been working as a construction crew leader and has been a part of the DC Gas family since August 2003.

## Winter Safety Tips

Safety is a top priority for your home all year 'round. Follow these natural gas safety tips to keep your family and home safe.



Never use a flashlight, match or candle to look for gas leaks, and never turn electric switches on or off if you suspect a gas leak. Report potential leaks to DC Gas at 256-845-3731.



Do not store flammable materials such as mops, brooms, laundry and newspapers near your water heater, furnace, oven, range, or any gas appliance.



Do not store combustible materials such as paints, solvents, and gasoline in the same room as your water heater, furnace, oven, range or any gas appliance.



Stock your kitchen with a fire extinguisher.



If a pilot light is out, shut off the gas at the appliance gas shutoff valve. Wait five minutes to let gas disperse before trying to relight the appliance pilot light.



Keep an adjustable pipe or crescent wrench or other similar tool near your main shutoff valve so you don't have to search for one in times of emergency.

# Take the Chill Off

The weather outside may be frightful, but it can be absolutely delightful in your home.



## Empire Vail 32 Fireplace

Price: \$2,299

32,000 BTU

Add to the ambiance and heat things up with an Empire Vail 32 Fireplace with a white mantle. At 99.9 percent efficiency, the vent-free Vail fireplace delivers more heat for your dollars. The ceramic glazed pellets in the burner produce a natural flickering flame. Choose between two log sets - ceramic fiber and refractory. Surround the fireplace with a standard or corner cabinet mantel, beautifully hand finished. Features like removable knobs, porcelain drip pans under burners and a raised edge around the cooktop also make for easy cleanup.

Winter is also a good time to add an efficient **HearthRite vent-free gas heater**, which heats even when the electric power fails.

All vent-free systems include an oxygen depletion sensor that automatically turns off the heater if room oxygen level drops to an unsafe level. The vent-free heaters also offer a choice of manual or thermostat control, with standard wall-mounting included.



### HearthRite Infrared Vent-Free Gas Heater

Price: \$279

18,000 BTU



### HearthRite Blue Flame Vent-Free Gas Heater

Price: \$279

20,000 BTU



### HearthRite Infrared Vent-Free Gas Heater

Price: \$369

30,000 BTU

View a full list of heaters available at [dcgas.org/appliances/heaters](http://dcgas.org/appliances/heaters).