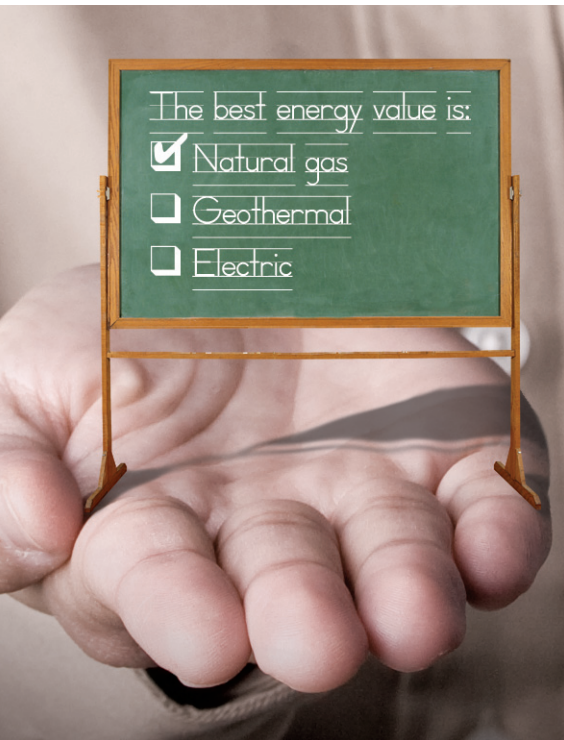




NATURAL GAS: THE BETTER ENERGY CHOICE



When it comes to space heating, commercial and industrial customers need to know the facts – about operating costs savings, return on investment and environmental impact.

A high-efficiency natural gas heating system is the best option when compared to geothermal heat pumps or electric boilers. Here are the facts:

Costs comparison

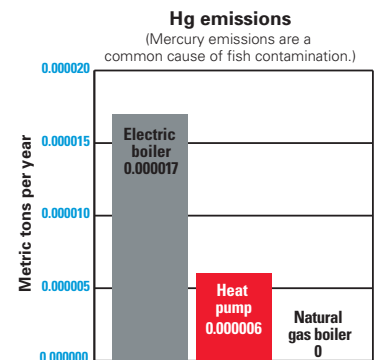
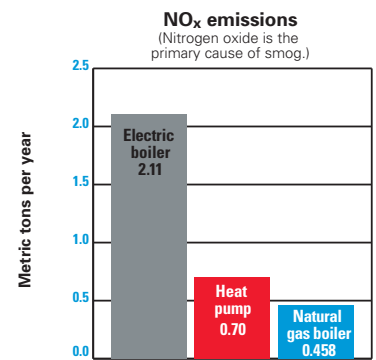
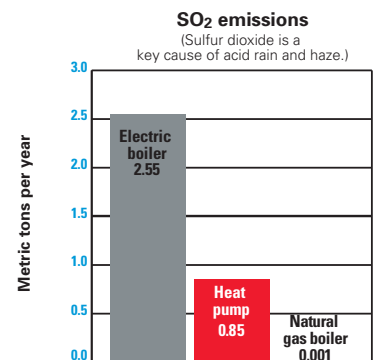
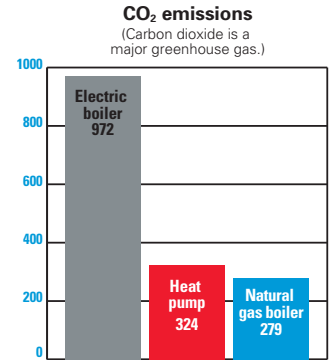
In some commercial settings, a geothermal heat pump could save a customer between 5 to 15 percent annually in heating costs. However, when taking the upfront cost of a 3.0 COP geothermal heat pump into consideration, the payback could exceed 20 years versus installing an 88% high-efficiency, 2.4 million Btuh natural gas heating system.

When comparing a 95% high-efficiency electric boiler to a high-efficiency natural gas heating system, the natural gas option will always be the most effective option unless the electricity price is significantly below the threshold available to average commercial customers.

Environmental impact

Environmentally speaking, natural gas is a cleaner burning fuel that has less impact on the planet and leaves about half the carbon footprint of electricity. In Minnesota, more than 60 percent of electricity is produced through burning coal – the largest source of air pollution.

The charts to the right highlight the emissions data of a comparable natural gas boiler to a geothermal heat pump and electric boiler in a typical commercial facility.



ADD UP THE SAVINGS

High-efficiency natural gas space heating for commercial and industrial applications is the most economical, reliable, convenient and environmentally friendly option when compared to geothermal heat pumps or electric boilers.

Use our Energy Cost and Emissions Calculator to add up the difference natural gas can make to your bottom line and the environment. Visit: CenterPointEnergy.com/energycalculator.

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