



# Advallage For Your Home & Business



#### And the Winners Are ...

Our annual Conserve to Preserve Kids and Conservation poster and video contests are just one way to get students thinking about protecting the environment. We commend the many students from schools throughout our service territory who participated this year, submitting works of art that truly exemplify what Conserve to Preserve® is all about. Congratulations to this year's winners.

There were three fifth grade students (representing Monmouth, Morris and Ocean counties) who came out on top, winning the poster contest. They each were presented with a Microsoft Surface tablet while their teachers received a \$100 gift card; and their schools were awarded an appearance from the Radio Disney AM 1560 Road Crew. Moreover, several high school students were lucky winners – with the individual video winner receiving \$500 and the winning video group submission receiving \$2,500.

The respective schools of the poster and video contest winners received a \$1,000 contribution toward an energy conservation or environmental beautification project. Visit the Save Energy & Money section at njng.com and click on Kids and Conservation to view the winning entries. While there, check out engaging resources that will encourage children to conserve today for a greener tomorrow.

Visit our YouTube Channel at youtube.com/newjerseynaturalgas to view the winning videos.

## Congratulations to all our winners.

Individual Video Winner

**Ryan Scott**Brick Memorial High School
Brick Township

**Group Video Winner** 

The Students at Jackson Liberty High School Jackson Township

#### **Poster Contest Winners**

Katherine Cruz
East Dover Elementary School - Morris County

Renée Grunwald

St. Catherine School - Monmouth County

Kyley Toye

Emma Havens Young School - Ocean County



### Attention **Budget** Plan Customers

This month you may find an adjusted budget plan amount on your bill. We calculated the original amount of your budget plan in July 2013 and then re-evaluated it in February 2014 to help minimize your ending balance. Included in the budget plan calculation and mid-year review are natural gas prices, annual usage, weather and other factors.

**Not a Budget Plan Customer?** Accounts in good standing can enroll in the Budget Plan by paying the "Budget Option" amount and other non-gas charges shown on your bill prior to the due date. Or register online for My Account at njng.com.

While there ... Bundle Up! Combine some of our most convenient My Account services and make it easier to manage your natural gas bill. After enrolling in the Budget Plan, register for E-Bill, our worry-free electronic billing and payment service. Then sign up for ZipCheck, our free automatic bill payment service.



#### In the market for an energy-efficient appliance?

Our convenient Conserve to Preserve® (CTP) Shopper's Guide lets you comparison shop while still in your pajamas. This online shopping experience helps you discover energy-efficient products that meet your needs and budget. Products on the CTP Shopper's Guide meet or exceed national ENERGY STAR® standards.

#### With the CTP Shopper's Guide you can:

- See product details, compare prices across retailers, evaluate energy savings, find rebates, read reviews and check local product availability.
- Clip and save a product to your CTP Shopper's Guide account so you can go back at a later time to check on changes to price and availability.
- Filter your category search around key data points such as price, features and brand.

To access this new service, go to Conserve to Preserve® on the Save Energy & Money page at njng.com and click on CTP Shopper's Guide. *Happy shopping!* 

\*The CTP shopper's Guide is powered by Dreamstreet from American Efficient.

#### Don't Wait Until the Last Minute to Do Your Taxes

Once again, NJNG has partnered with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) to bring FREE tax assistance to income-eligible customers, especially those 60 years of age and older. Now through April 10, 2014, AARP's volunteer tax counselors will be at NJNG's Asbury Park office, 633 Lake Avenue, every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to help with simple tax return preparation. Come prepared. Be sure to bring your 2013 tax documents, 2012 tax return, social security cards for you and your dependents and photo identification. For joint returns, both spouses must be present to sign an authorization to file your return.

**Note:** NJNG cannot provide tax guidance. Please consult with your tax advisor. Be sure to check out the enclosed information about federal and state Earned Income Tax Credit programs available to incomeeligible customers.

#### We're Here to Help ... Make a Payment Arrangement

If you have past due NJNG bills, visit My Account at njng.com or call 800-221-0051 to set up a Deferred Payment Agreement and find out if you qualify for energy-assistance programs.

#### How To Reach Us

Call us

Toll-free: 800-221-0051

People with hearing and speech impairments (TTY/TDD): 800-223-0024

Report a natural gas leak: 800-GAS-LEAK (800-427-5325)

Call before you dig: 811 or 800-272-1000

E-mail us: customerservice@njng.com

Visit our Web site: www.njng.com

Write to us: New Jersey Natural Gas, 1415 Wyckoff Road, P.O. Box 1464, Wall, NJ 07719

#### **Trouble Paying Your Energy Bills?**

Whether you are on a limited income or faced with unanticipated financial hardship, we want to connect qualified families with energy assistance and home energy-improvement programs to help better manage their home heating costs. Visit energyassistance.nj.gov or contact a participating agency near you to learn about eligibility requirements. For additional information, contact our energy assistance team at 800-221-0051 or energyassist@njnq.com.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) (Income-based)

Universal Service Fund (USF) (Income-based)

Gift of Warmth Fund (GOW) (Based on financial need)

Temporary Relief for Utility Expenses (TRUE) (Based on financial need)

Payment Assistance for Gas and Electric (PAGE)

(Based on financial need and income)

NJ SHARES (Based on income guidelines and financial need) Call 866-657-4273 to find an agency in your area or visit njshares.org.

Lifeline Credit Program (Seniors and disabled) Call 800-792-9745.

**Comfort Partners** (Income-based weatherization program)

Call 800-221-0051 or visit the Residential Section of njcleanenergy.com and click the Programs link.

(Participating Agencies)

#### **Middlesex County**

Puerto Rican Action Board\*†
90 Jersey Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901
732-828-4541

#### **Monmouth County**

Affordable Housing Alliance (AHA)/ TRUE Program 94 Broad Street, Eatontown, NJ 07724 732-389-2204

20 Gibson Place, Freehold, NJ 07728 732-389-2204

1828 West Lake Avenue, Neptune, NJ 07753 732-389-2204

#### **Morris County**

Morris County Organization for Hispanic Affairs 95-97 Bassett Highway, Dover, NJ 07801 973-366-1131

#### **Ocean County**

O.C.E.A.N. Inc.<sup>†</sup>
22 Hyers Street, Toms River, NJ 08753
732-244-9041

507 River Avenue, Lakewood, NJ 08701 732-942-3405

\*This agency does not accept GOW or TRUE applications. Middlesex County residents can apply for GOW and TRUE at AHA.

<sup>†</sup>These agencies do not accept PAGE applications. Residents of Middlesex and Ocean counties can apply for PAGE at AHA.