

## NJNG E-TIPS 100 SWEEPSTAKES OFFICIAL RULES

Please read the Official Rules and Regulations ("Official Rules") of the New Jersey Natural Gas E-Tips 100 Contest ("Contest"). You must agree to accept and comply with the Official Rules to participate in the Contest.

## NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN. A PURCHASE DOES NOT INCREASE OR IMPROVE YOUR CHANCE OF WINNING. THE ODDS OF WINNING DEPEND UPON THE NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE ENTRIES RECEIVED DURING THE CONTEST PERIOD.

**CONTEST DESCRIPTION:** The Contest begins at 12:00 a.m. New Jersey Time on Tuesday, April 15, 2015 and ends at 11:59 p.m. New Jersey Time on Wednesday, July 22, 2015 ("Contest Period").

**ELIGIBILITY:** The Contest is open only to customers of New Jersey Natural Gas Company ("NJNG") who are legal residents of the State of New Jersey at least eighteen years of age and who have an active NJNG account as of April 14, 2015 and are current subscribers to NJNG's free E-tips service at the time of the drawing. Employees, directors and officers and their immediate families (spouses and siblings, parents and children and their spouses) and household members of NJNG and its parent company, subsidiaries and affiliates and companies involved in the implementation and execution of the Contest (collectively the "Contest Entities") are not eligible. The Contest is void where prohibited.

**SPONSOR:** New Jersey Natural Gas Company, 1415 Wyckoff Road, P.O. Box 1464, Wall, NJ 07719 (the "Sponsor")

**AGREEMENT TO THE OFFICIAL RULES:** By participating in the Contest, each Entrant fully and unconditionally agrees to and accepts these Official Rules and the decisions of the Sponsor, which are final and binding in all matters related to the Contest. Winning any prize is contingent upon fulfilling all requirements set forth herein.

**HOW TO ENTER THE CONTEST:** Entrants must submit an entry addressing how Etips has helped them reduce their energy usage directly via e-mail to <u>ETips100@NJNG.com</u>. In the event more than one (1) Entry is received from any one account number, the first Entry processed will be considered the only valid Entry received for the Contest Period. In the event of a dispute, Entries will be deemed made by the authorized account holder of the NJNG account number submitted at the time of Entry. The authorized account holder is the person who is assigned to the NJNG account number by NJNG. The potential winner may be required to show proof of being the authorized account holder. No mechanical reproductions permitted. Sponsor is not liable for lost, late, misdirected, or corrupted Entries whether due to a technical error or otherwise. Entries become the property of Sponsor and will not be acknowledged or returned.

**ELIGIBLE CONTEST ENTRY:** To be eligible for judging, an entry must detail in 100 words or less how E-Tips has helped you (and your family) save energy and money at home. The entry must be an original expression and cannot violate the rights of any other person or company by wrongful appropriation of their language, thoughts, ideas or expressions. Entries must be submitted via e-mail to <u>E-Tips@NJNG.com</u> by 11:59 p.m. New Jersey Time on Wednesday, July 22, 2015.

**CONTEST WINNER SELECTION:** One (1) Grand Prize Winner will be selected within a week of close of the Contest period. Winner will be judged based on a review of the eligible submissions by a panel of NJNG employees. Judging will be conducted by Sponsor at the Sponsor address. If a prize is refused, a prize notification is returned or deemed undeliverable, or the potential winner is disqualified for any reason, an alternate winner will be selected via a random drawing. Except where prohibited by law, acceptance of the prize constitutes permission for Sponsor to use winner's name, hometown, likeness, statements, and other personally identifiable information for promotional, advertising and marketing purposes in any media throughout the world without additional prize, incentive, consideration, consent or review. The odds of winning depend upon the number of eligible Entries received during the Contest Period.

The grand prize winner will receive a \$500 Lowe's gift certificate.

Total approximate retail value of all prizes to be awarded for the Contest is \$500.

**GENERAL PRIZE RESTRICTIONS:** The grand prize winner will have the prize mailed to their residence and a signature will be required. The prize may not be transferred or assigned. No cash or other substitution may be made, except by the Sponsor, which reserves the right to substitute a prize in whole or in part with another prize of comparable or greater value if the intended prize is not available for any reason as determined by the Sponsor in its sole discretion. The prize winner will be responsible for all taxes (including but not limited to federal, state, local and/or income) on the prize. Winners are limited to only one prize during the Contest and only one winner per NJNG account.

**GENERAL CONDITIONS / RELEASE:** By participating, Entrant agrees to (a) release Contest Entities, their respective directors, officers, agents and employees from any and all liability for any claims, costs, injuries, losses or damages of any kind caused by (i) Entrant's participation, including the unauthorized or illegal access to personally identifiable or sensitive information or the acceptance, possession, use, or misuse of the prize; (ii) any Contest Entities' sponsorship or administration of the Contest; and (iii) Entrant's and/or any third party's use, sale or disposal of the prize; (b) acknowledge that said parties have neither made nor are in any manner responsible or liable for any warranty, representation or guarantee, expressed or implied, in fact or in law, relative to the prize. Neither Contest Entities nor any service providers are responsible for incorrect or inaccurate transcription of Entry information, or for any human or other error, technical malfunctions, lost/delayed data or voice transmission, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, line failures of any telephone network, computer equipment, software, inability to access any online service or Website or to complete a telephone call or facsimile transaction, or any other error or malfunction or late, lost or misdirected mail, or any injury or damage to participant's or any other person's computer related to or resulting from participation in this Sweepstakes.

**CAUTION:** ANY ATTEMPT BY AN ENTRANT OR ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL TO DELIBERATELY DAMAGE ANY WEBSITE, TAMPER WITH THE ENTRY PROCESS, OR OTHERWISE UNDERMINE THE LEGITIMATE OPERATION OF THE SWEEPSTAKES AND/OR CONTEST MAY BE A VIOLATION OF CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LAWS AND SHOULD SUCH AN ATTEMPT BE MADE, SPONSOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO COOPERATE IN THE PROSECUTION OF ANY SUCH INDIVIDUAL(S) AND TO PURSUE ALL REMEDIES TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

Failure to enforce any term of these Official Rules shall not constitute a waiver of that provision. If for any reason the Contest is not capable of being executed as planned, or infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, action of Entrants, technical failures or any other causes which in the opinion of Sponsor, corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity, or proper conduct of this Contest, Sponsor reserves the right at its sole discretion to disqualify any suspect Entry or Entrant and/or to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the Contest . In the event of any cancellation, termination or suspension, notice thereof will be posted at www.njng.com. If the Sponsor decides to reconvene the Contest after a suspension, the determination of the prize winner will be made from among all eligible, non-suspect Entries received as of the date of the suspension, as Sponsor determines in its sole discretion. Entries not complying with all rules are subject to disqualification.

**DISPUTES:** Entrants agree that (a) any and all disputes, claims and causes of action arising out of, or connected with, the Contest or any prize awarded shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action, and exclusively by the appropriate court located in the State of New Jersey; (b) any and all claims, judgments, and awards

shall be limited to actual out-of-pocket costs incurred, including costs associated with entering this Contest but in no event attorneys' fees; and (c) under no circumstances will Entrant be permitted to obtain awards for, and Entrant hereby waives all rights to, claim punitive, incidental and consequential damages and any other damages, other than out-ofpocket expenses, and any and all rights to have damages multiplied or otherwise increased. All issues and questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation and enforceability of these Official Rules, Entrant's rights and obligations, or the rights and obligations of the Sponsor in connection with the Contest, shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New Jersey, without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of law rules (whether of New Jersey or any other jurisdiction), which would cause the application of the laws of any jurisdiction other than those of the State of New Jersey.

**WINNER/RULES:** For the name of the Contest winner and/or a copy of these Official Rules, mail a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: NJNG E-tips 100 Celebration Contest, 1415 Wyckoff Road, P.O. Box 1464, Wall, NJ 07719. Requests must be received by July 22, 2015.