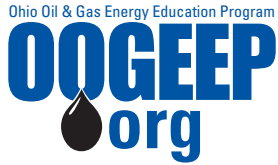


Lifestyle Benefits



Lifestyle Benefits of Ohio Natural Gas and Crude Oil

According to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mineral Resources Management, last year, Ohio produced more than 85 billion cubic feet of natural gas and 5.6 million barrels of crude oil. This local natural gas production provided approximately 11% of Ohio's natural gas consumption. That's enough natural gas to heat around 1 million homes per year. And, nearly 100% of the natural gas produced in Ohio is put to use right here in our State.

Natural Gas

Of the energy sources available, Americans rely on natural gas to supply 24% of their energy needs. This ranks natural gas second in use only to crude oil which supplies about 40% of America's energy needs.

Natural gas serves about 175 million American consumers. About 43% is used by industrials, and another 16% is used for commercial purposes. Generating electricity consumes about 14%, and the remaining amount (about 27%) is used in the residential market. Nearly 6 out of every 10 homes are heated with natural gas. It is also used for cooking, drying clothes, and heating water. Businesses and industries use natural gas in many ways, from cooking in restaurants to fueling high temperature blast furnaces for manufacturing steel.

Crude Oil

Crude oil has become an integral part of our society. Much of our high standard of living can be traced to the use of this petroleum product. In addition, today, over 6,000 products are produced, wholly or in part, from crude oil. The average person consumes the equivalent

of 3 gallons of refined petroleum-based products each day. Some of these petrochemical products include:

SYNTHETIC RUBBER was developed during World War II. Today, we see it in gloves, tennis shoes, boots, swimming floats, balls, hoses, stoppers, tires, rubber bands, belts, skate wheels, shoe heels and balloons.

PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS such as soap, cleansing creams, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, curlers, shampoo, hair spray, lotion, cologne, baby oil, lipstick, eyebrow pencil, nail polish, hand cream, shaving cream and suntan lotion all come from petroleum.

SYNTHETIC FABRICS such as nylon, Orlon, Daron and Dynel are all made from crude oil. Parachutes, carpets, rope and astro-turf are also made from these synthetic fabrics.

MEDICINES such as aspirin, antihistamines, Vaseline, alcohol, ammonia, antibiotics and antiseptics all contain petrochemicals.

WAXES are used to make waxed paper, candy, gum, candies, candles and crayons.

CARBON BLACK goes into paints and inks, rubber and cement, batteries, radios and television tubes.

PLASTICS come in a large variety. Everything from bowling balls to camera film to garbage bags to many life saving devices.

GASOLINE is the most common known petroleum product. It is used to fuel automobiles, motorcycles, trucks, golf carts, lawn mowers and edgers.