The abundance and affordability of natural gas provides many new opportunities to expand its use throughout different sectors of the economy, including increased number of uses in the residential sector. The use of natural gas appliances helps improve total energy efficiency, lowering your energy bills and reducing overall greenhouse gas emissions.

**HOUSES OF YESTERDAY**
were smaller and used natural gas almost exclusively for water and space heating.

- **Natural Gas Consumption** per Household: 118.1 Mcf/yr

**FACT:** Consumers who use natural gas for heating, water heating, cooking and clothes drying spend an average of $654 less annually than consumers using electricity for the same appliances.

**HOUSES OF TODAY**
are larger and use natural gas appliances; 39% have direct access to natural gas.

- **Natural Gas Consumption** per Household: 65.6 Mcf/yr est.

**HOUSES OF TOMORROW**
one more energy efficient, use all natural gas appliances and have direct access to natural gas.

**MOVING FORWARD**

Our nation’s new reality of affordable, abundant natural gas requires new thinking and visionary policies. Many existing natural gas regulations were developed during a time when natural gas was perceived to be scarce and market fundamentals were different than they are today.

Policymakers, local communities, natural gas utilities and consumers must collaborate to facilitate the creation of new markets and demand for this increasingly important fuel source. All Americans stand to gain if we make investments and update our policies now to realize the full potential of a natural gas-fueled future.

For more information on how natural gas can further fuel the future, visit [www.fuelingthefuture.org](http://www.fuelingthefuture.org).