

Natural Gas Fuels Local Restaurants

Chefs and Customers Agree: Natural Gas Bans Would Harm Businesses

A new survey from the National Restaurant Association finds **87% of full-service restaurants** rely on natural gas appliances to serve their customers, and policies to ban natural gas hookups in commercial buildings would lead to **higher prices, lower-quality food, and less reliable energy** for restaurants nationwide.¹

That's why 94% of chefs and restaurant owners that use natural gas worry bans on natural gas hookups would significantly damage their businesses.²



Meanwhile, natural gas bans would have **little impact on the environment**, as methane emissions from natural gas appliances account for **less than 3%** of all US greenhouse gas emissions.³

Local Restaurants Rely on Natural Gas for:



Affordable Fuel

Natural gas is ½ to ⅓ the price of other fuels, which can mean the difference between success and failure in an industry where **60% of all businesses** close within their first year.⁴

That's why 65% of consumers fear bans would create costs for small neighborhood restaurants and raise prices for customers.⁵



Tasty, Inclusive Food

Natural gas allows for greater precision and temperature control than other appliances. Gas stovetops are also crucial for many dishes in East Asian, South Asian, Latin American, and other cuisines.

That's why 90% of restaurateurs that use natural gas say that losing natural gas would harm the quality and variety of their food.⁶



Reliable Energy

Less than 1% of natural gas customers experience a gas outage in a given year, so chefs can continue to cook food and heat their restaurants despite extreme weather.⁷

That's why 70% of consumers say natural gas is crucial to the success of local restaurants.⁸

Restaurateurs and natural gas utilities are committed to reducing emissions through smart policies and strategic investments. Blanket bans on natural gas are neither smart nor strategic, but they will devastate restaurants across the country. **That's why most Americans oppose natural gas bans, including 74% of Republicans, 58% of Independents, and 51% of Democrats.**⁹

^{1,2,6} National Restaurant Association Research Group survey of restaurant operators (July 14 – August 5, 2022)

^{3,7} American Gas Association Calculations

⁴ CNBC: The No. 1 thing to consider before opening a restaurant (July 2016)

^{5,8,9} National Restaurant Association survey conducted by Morning Consult (September 30 – October 2, 2022)