



Vermont Gas & Agri-Mark Dairy Cooperative Team Up on Energy Efficiency.

Initiative will reduce the dairy plant's carbon footprint and pass on the savings to Vermont farmers.

A new partnership between Vermont Gas and several of its energy partners has helped Agri-Mark's Middlebury plant significantly reduce their energy consumption, reducing their overall environmental impact and reducing the cost of running the facility.

The Vermont Gas Energy Efficiency team worked together with Agri-Mark to identify ways to use natural gas more efficiently. This included repair and replacement of steam traps, which can leak otherwise usable steam. With these efficiency upgrades, the Co-op will save over 14,000mcf per year - that's enough energy to heat over 140 homes - and at the same time save over \$100,000 per year.

"This a great example of the positive environmental and economic impact the Addison Natural Gas Expansion Project will have on our state. We are thrilled to be working with the team at Agri-Mark to make their Middlebury processing plant more energy efficient," said Don Rendall, President and CEO of Vermont Gas. "We are passionate about embracing innovation to reduce emissions and we are proud to deliver award-winning energy efficiency services. Helping our customers save money by using less energy is a win for our customers and a win for our

planet. We are excited to be bringing this important work to Addison County."

"Our partnership with Vermont Gas has provided us the opportunity to make real strides in reducing our carbon footprint," said Doug DiMento, Agri-Mark Director of Communications. "These innovations and savings also benefit our business and the livelihood of our farm family owners both in Addison County and throughout New England and New York."

Vermont Gas has been helping customers in Franklin and Chittenden counties save money by reducing their energy use since 1993. It recently began offering its energy efficiency programs to families and businesses in Addison County, ahead of the Addison Natural Gas Project.

"We are so excited to bring an important energy choice to the families and businesses in Addison County and look forward to helping even more communities reach their clean energy goals," Rendall said.

For more information on Vermont Gas' efficiency programs visit www.VermontGas.com/Efficiency.



We realize how tough the winter months can be for folks living on a fixed income.

Join Vermont Gas in helping Vermonters stay warm this winter by making a donation to the WARMTH program. A donation form is enclosed in your bill or you can call us at 802-863-4511.

Gas Safety

Keep equipment running safely and efficiently this winter. Follow these important safety guidelines:

Meters



Do your part to keep your natural gas meter operating safely and effectively this winter.

- » Carefully remove large icicles hanging over your meter, piping and appliance vents.
- » Use a broom—not a shovel—to clear snow from your meter, piping and vents.
- » If your meter gets encased in ice, call Vermont Gas immediately and we'll assist with ice removal.
- » If your gas meter is near a sidewalk or driveway, make sure whoever removes snow from your property is aware of its location.

Sidewall Vents



Sidewall vents act as a breathing device for heating systems. They take in fresh air and mix it with fuel to produce heat, while discharging exhaust fumes that can include carbon monoxide (CO).

If a vent becomes buried in snow or ice, this may shut down your equipment — or draw exhaust fumes into your home, which can produce high levels of CO inside your house. To prevent these problems, it's important to clear snow around the vent approximately 48 inches in all directions so that your equipment can discharge exhaust.

Make sure vents are installed at the highest possible level, and are no less than 12 inches above the ground.