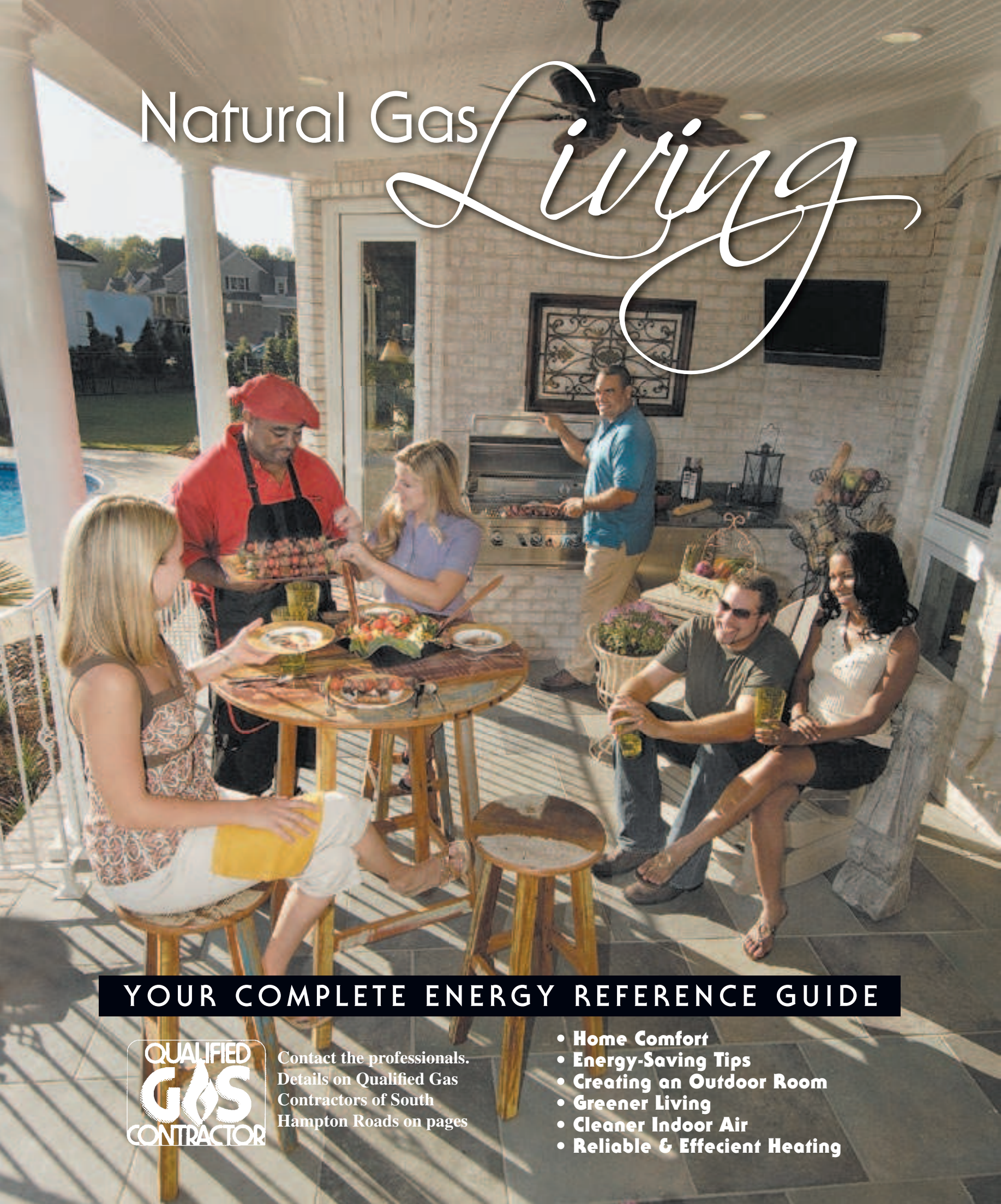


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Natural Gas – The Cleaner, Greener Choice

Going green? Natural gas heating and appliances can help make your home more earth-friendly and energy efficient.

"Natural gas provides a highly efficient form of energy that reduces pollution and maintains a clean and healthy environment," said Robert Duvall, Vice President and General Manager, Virginia Natural Gas.

"Not only is it the natural energy choice, it makes doing the right thing for our environment an easy choice," Duvall added. Environmental stewardship is a key value shared across Virginia Natural Gas.

Compared to coal-produced electricity, natural gas emits 45 percent less carbon dioxide, a principal greenhouse gas and a prime culprit in global warming. And natural gas produces about 30 percent less carbon dioxide than oil. Unlike oil, coal and nuclear power, natural gas has virtually no solid waste, helping to lower soot levels that aggravate asthma and other respiratory conditions.

But natural gas isn't just cleaner, it's far more efficient. About 73 percent of the energy in electricity is lost in generation and transmission, leaving only about 27 percent to run appliances. But 90 percent of the energy in natural gas is available where needed, whether it's warming showers or firing up cooktops. According to the American Gas Association, more

efficient appliances and tighter home construction have reduced the amount of natural gas used in the average U.S. home by 22 percent since 1980. Another positive trend in the Tidewater region is a green building program called EarthCraft House. It's an innovative program that provides homebuilders with a set of guidelines to construct energy-efficient and environmentally friendly homes.

"Lower utility bills, better indoor air quality, durable construction, and a reduced environmental impact are just a few of the many benefits to living in an EarthCraft House," said Chuck Miller of Miller Custom Homes – builder of the area's first EarthCraft House. He added that homes built by Miller Custom Homes have always incorporated green features.

Virginia Natural Gas customers are also buying natural gas appliances such as tankless water heaters that conserve energy and supply endless hot water, resulting in cost-savings and environmental benefits. As an added incentive to "go green," energy-efficient heating systems and water heaters purchased in 2007 can qualify for federal tax credits. More information and additional energy-saving tips are available on the Virginia Natural Gas website at virginianaturalgas.com.

