



City of Palo Alto Monthly Gas Volumetric and Service Charges

Your gas bill consists of 2 types of charges: 1) a monthly service charge, and 2) “volumetric” or consumption-based charges which are based on your gas usage. The tables below show the monthly volumetric and service charges over the past two years for the **G-2 (Residential Master-Metered and Commercial)** and **G-3 (Large Commercial)** gas rate schedules.

The **monthly service charge** reflects the costs of customer service, account management, meter reading and meter equipment. The **volumetric charges** include the following 4 supply-related charges and 1 distribution charge:

1. **Commodity Charge:** This charge is based on the monthly natural gas Bidweek Price Index for delivery at PG&E Citygate, adjusted to account for delivery losses to the customer’s meter. The Commodity Charge also includes adjustments to account for Council-approved programs implemented to reduce the cost of Gas, including a municipal purchase discount¹, and \$0.055 per therm for mitigating the impact of short-term natural gas price spikes.²
2. **Cap and Trade Compliance Charge:** This charge covers the costs of regulatory compliance with California’s Cap-and-Trade program, and updates quarterly in response to market prices, sales volumes, and the quantity of allowances the City’s gas utility must purchase to comply with state law.
3. **Transportation Charge:** This charge recovers the City’s costs to pay for local natural gas transportation service (transportation from the PG&E Citygate gas delivery hub to Palo Alto). The charge is based on the PG&E G-WSL (Gas Transportation Service to Wholesale/Retail Customers) rate for Palo Alto, with adjustments to account for delivery losses to the customer’s meter.
4. **Carbon Offset Charge:** This charge represents the City’s cost to purchase offsets for greenhouse gases produced when Gas is burned, and typically updates annually in response to market conditions, sales volumes and the quantity of offsets purchased.
5. **Distribution Charge:** This charge represents the cost of all of the services required to move natural gas from the point of interconnection to the City’s distribution system to the customer, including the operations and maintenance of service lines and gas mains.

Your gas rate is calculated by applying the sum of the monthly service charge and volumetric charges to your consumption, which are prorated based on the number of days in the applicable billing cycle during each billing period.

The charges for the current month will be posted on the tables below by the second business day of that month. For more information related to your rates, the appropriate rate schedule for your gas service can be found here: [G-2 Rate Schedule](#) and [G-3 Rate Schedule](#). If you have questions regarding your bill, please contact the City of Palo Alto Utilities Customer Service Center at 650-329-2161.

1. Adopted via Resolution 9451, on September 15, 2014

2. Adopted via Resolution 101187 on August 19, 2024



City of Palo Alto
Utility Rate Schedule G-3 – Large Commercial Gas Service
Monthly Gas Volumetric and Service Charges

Effective Date	Commodity Charge	Cap and Trade Compliance Charge	Transportation Charge	Carbon Offset Charge	Total Supply Charge	Distribution Charge	Total Volumetric Charge	Monthly Service Charge
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(a)+(b)+(c)+(d) =(e)	(f)	(e)+(f)	
	\$ per Therm							\$ per Month
4/1/2025	0.3361	0.1226	0.2212	0.0700	0.7499	1.0809	1.8308	156.90
3/1/2025	0.4177	0.1339	0.2212	0.0700	0.8428	1.0809	1.9237	156.90
2/1/2025	0.4207	0.1339	0.2212	0.0700	0.8458	1.0809	1.9267	156.90
1/1/2025	0.4911	0.1339	0.2212	0.0700	0.9162	1.0809	1.9974	156.90
12/1/2024	0.5144	0.1182	0.2715	0.0700	0.9741	1.0809	2.0550	156.90
11/1/2024	0.4850	0.1182	0.2715	0.0700	0.9447	1.0809	2.0256	156.90
10/1/2024	0.4450	0.1182	0.2500	0.0700	0.8832	1.0809	1.9641	156.90
9/1/2024	0.3411	0.1451	0.2500	0.0700	0.8062	1.0809	1.8871	156.90
8/1/2024	0.5179	0.1451	0.2201	0.0700	0.9531	1.0809	2.0340	156.90
7/1/2024	0.4197	0.1451	0.2206	0.0700	0.8554	1.0809	1.9363	156.90
6/1/2024	0.1918	0.1638	0.2206	0.0700	0.6462	0.8941	1.5403	129.78
5/1/2024	0.2142	0.1638	0.2206	0.0700	0.6686	0.8941	1.5627	129.78
4/1/2024	0.2388	0.1638	0.2206	0.0700	0.6932	0.8941	1.5873	129.78
3/1/2024	0.2956	0.1534	0.2104	0.0700	0.7294	0.8941	1.6235	129.78
2/1/2024	0.5967	0.1534	0.2022	0.0700	1.0223	0.8941	1.9164	129.78
1/1/2024	0.4805	0.1534	0.2022	0.0700	0.9061	0.8941	1.8002	129.78
12/1/2023	0.6901	0.1309	0.1350	0.0700	1.0260	0.8941	1.9201	129.78
11/1/2023	0.7383	0.1309	0.1350	0.0700	1.0742	0.8941	1.9683	129.78
10/1/2023	0.4065	0.1309	0.1350	0.0700	0.7424	0.8941	1.6365	129.78
9/1/2023	0.4928	0.1132	0.1350	0.0700	0.8110	0.8941	1.7051	129.78
8/1/2023	0.5263	0.1132	0.1345	0.0700	0.8440	0.8941	1.7381	129.78
7/1/2023	0.4486	0.1132	0.1344	0.0700	0.7662	0.8941	1.6603	129.78
6/1/2023	0.3627	0.1033	0.1345	0.0700	0.6705	0.7365	1.4070	106.90
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