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Find out about Énergir and sustainable development.
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Plus, until January 11, we'll give you up to $1,600 off when you trade them in for high-efficiency models.

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Since 2014, Énergir has published a biennial sustainable development report outlining our efforts and advances on priority issues for our stakeholders.

Here are some highlights from the 2017 report:

- **4,665** energy-efficiency projects carried out by our customers, allowing them to save the equivalent of the natural gas consumption of 20,000 single-family homes.¹

- **36.1%** reduction in Énergir’s greenhouse gas emissions, compared to 1990

Learn more at energir.com/sd.

Saint-Hyacinthe and L’Oréal Canada, energy leaders

Saint-Hyacinthe is the first municipality in Québec to install a biomethane plant which injects its renewable natural gas into Énergir’s gas network. Énergir actually buys the renewable natural gas, and that generates revenue for the city.

L’Oréal Canada is Énergir’s first customer to use the renewable natural gas produced in Saint-Hyacinthe. The company’s two main production and distribution sites have been carbon-neutral since December 2017.²

¹Newly built single-family homes using natural gas for heating and hot water.

²Using renewable energies has allowed the company to achieve a net zero carbon footprint.
How to keep your bill down in winter

When the mercury dips, your heating system has to work harder to keep a steady temperature in your home, so it’s normal for your heating bill to go up. But how can you use less energy to counteract this increase?

true or false?

A building’s occupants will feel it if the thermostat is turned down by one degree (°C).

False. A one-degree (°C) difference in temperature is imperceptible to the human body. But it will have a positive impact on your energy bill, since it’ll lower your heating costs. It’s a small change that goes a long way!

1. Install a smart thermostat, which you can adjust remotely to suit your needs.
2. Use your ceiling fan to circulate the warm air by having it turn clockwise at the lowest speed.
3. Opt for a low-flow showerhead—the less water you use, the less water you need to heat.
4. Eliminate drafts by sealing doors, windows and lesser-known places like the dryer duct.

Find more tips at: energir.com/reduce-my-consumption
Test your knowledge about natural gas.

1. Is natural gas as safe as other energy sources?
Natural gas is one of the safest energy sources.
• It isn’t toxic.
• It’s lighter than air and therefore rises and disperses into the atmosphere.
• It doesn’t ignite easily.

2. What forms can natural gas take?
Natural gas exists in 3 states—gaseous, compressed and liquid. The latter serves as fuel for ships and road vehicles, and is a form easily transported by trucks to customers far away from the gas network. When compressed, its volume shrinks and it can be used as fuel for heavy-duty trucks.

3. Does natural gas have a smell?
The rotten egg smell often associated with natural gas is due to a substance known as mercaptan, which is added to the gas so that leaks can be detected.

Is installing a carbon monoxide detector mandatory?
Certain types of buildings and municipalities require carbon monoxide detectors. In any case, to ensure proper safety, the Régie du Bâtiment du Québec, the CNESST and fire departments strongly recommend installing one of these devices. You can purchase one at any department store.

Sign up for online billing.
Sign up at: energir.com/cyberaccount.

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