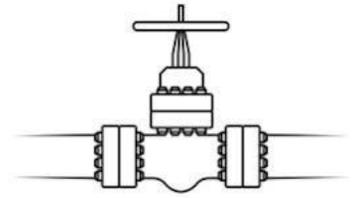


# THE RNG PIPELINE-

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## Raton Natural Gas in Class

By: RNG STAFF

An introduction to the new Raton Natural Gas Energy Efficiency (RNGe) program was made in the Summer of 2017. Through this program Raton Natural Gas is offering energy saving tips, tricks and information designed to help save you money.

An important piece of the new program involves engaging Raton area students. Raton Natural Gas visited all Raton 4th grade classrooms at the end of September to discuss the benefits of being "Energy Wise" and aware.

In the classroom, Raton school teachers introduced material which included energy safety and money saving tips that could be implemented at home.

Raton Intermediate School Principal, Kristie Medina and the 4th Grade teachers were an integral part of the presentation and success of the program. Students were asked to complete a work book outlining information that was learned in lecture and video instruction.

At the end of the week long program Raton Natural Gas representative, Phil Martinez and energy program curriculum developer, Nacia Reed visited the class to apply real world scenarios to the learned material.

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## RNG Energy Programs

By: RNG STAFF

At RNG we take pride in having the responsibility of providing customers with safe, reliable and efficient clean energy at affordable prices 24 hours a day, seven days a week. As a commitment to our customers and the region, RNG is building on a history of enhancing service to include a new energy efficiency program that will help reduce natural gas usage and potentially lower customer bills.

The RNGe Program (Raton Natural Gas Efficiency Program) will offer a  
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ABOVE —Mrs. Blouin's 4th Grade Class and Phil Martinez of Raton Natural Gas get together after learning about natural gas safety and energy efficiency. Right (TOP & BOTTOM) — Nacia Reed, quizzing 4th graders on materials .



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The students were very engaging and for their hard work, each walked away with a **RNGe** fidget spinner as well as a pizza lunch sponsored by Raton Natural Gas.

Looking towards the future, Raton Natural Gas plans to continue building on a program and experience that will help introduce students to more energy subject matter to include: money saving tips, energy industry opportunities, energy infrastructure, energy extraction and energy production.

None of this would be possible without the help of our schools and the professionals that work there. Thank you to Kristie Medina, and the 4th Grade Teachers: Mr. Hightree, Mrs. Feldman, Ms. Rose and Mrs. Blouin.

## More Insulation = More Savings + More Comfort

Nine out of 10 homes in the United States are poorly sealed and under-insulated, wasting energy and money. Prepare now for the cold winter ahead by checking your home's attic insulation. Adding insulation is one important way to *Rule Your Attic!* all year long.

By properly sealing and insulating your attic you can:

- **Increase comfort.** Insulation helps keep home heat in during the winter and warm air out in the summer so you stay comfortable in every season.
- **Reduce heating costs.** By adding insulation, you may save up to 20 percent on home heating costs ([energystar.gov](http://energystar.gov)).
- **Improve performance.** R-values measure how well your insulation can resist heat passing through it. The higher the R-value, the better the insulating performance and potential savings.

# RNG Energy Programs

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number of benefits and educational resources that will help customers reduce usage save on Natural Gas bills and gain access to energy efficiency strategies and information.

THE 811 PROCESS



FOR HOMEOWNERS

### 1 NOTIFY

Notify your local one-call center by calling 811 or making an online request 2-3 days before work begins. [Click here](#) for information about your local one-call center and online service availability. The one-call center will transmit information to affected utility operators.



### 2 WAIT

Wait 2-3 days (varies by state; please [click here](#) for state law information) for affected utility operators to respond to your request. On average, between 7-8 utility operators are notified for each request.



### 3 CONFIRM

Confirm that all affected utility operators have responded to your request by comparing the marks to the list of utilities the one-call center notified. State laws vary on the process for confirmation; please check with your local one-call center for more information.



### 4 RESPECT

Respect the marks. The marks provided by the affected utility operators are your guide for the duration of your project. If you are unable to maintain the marks during your project, or the project will continue past your request's expiration date (varies by state), please call 811 to ask for a re-mark.



### 5 DIG CAREFULLY

Dig carefully. If you can't avoid digging near the marks (within 18-24 inches on all sides, depending on state law), consider moving your project to another part of your yard. If you must dig near the marks or use machinery of any kind, please [click here](#) to read "The 811 Process for Contractors."



For projects that include planting a tree, installing a mailbox or building a deck, among others.



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