

The SAVINGS **Spark**



Cost Control Associates helps your organization reduce and better manage your energy, waste removal and telecom expenses. This monthly newsletter shares industry-related news, tips and updates.

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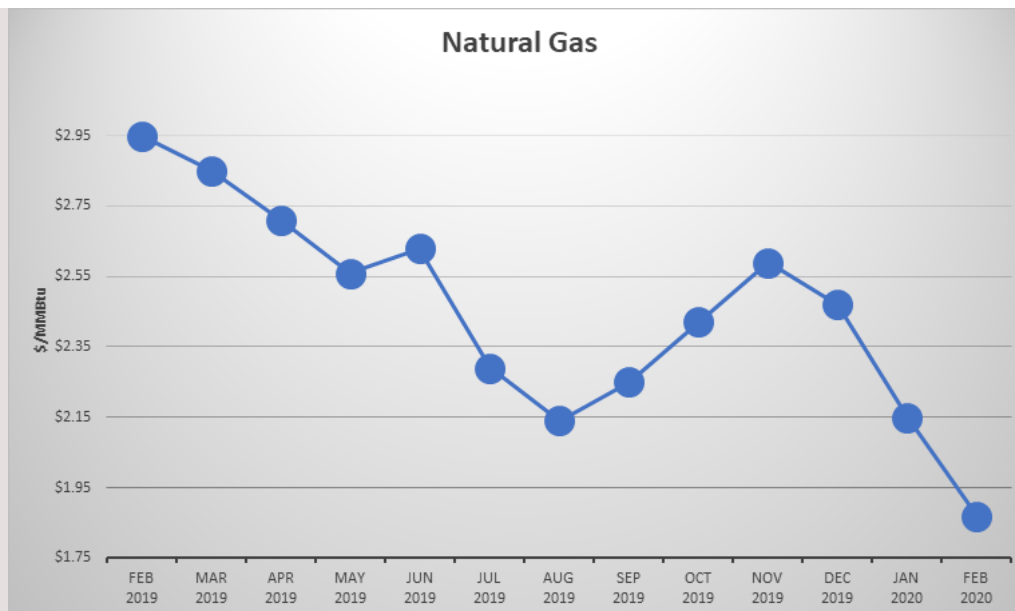
10 Intriguing Facts About Leap Day

When the year has 366 days, businesses and organizations have one more day to squeeze into their utility budgets. That's an extra day of electricity, heating or cooling energy, and trash to be hauled away. There are some perks, too. Either way, the day comes with some intriguing facts.

[Click here to read 10 facts.](#)

Energy Procurement Report

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- **Renewable energy use is increasing:** The EIA projects electricity generation from renewable sources to surpass nuclear and coal by 2021 and natural gas by 2045. The amount of renewables in the U.S. electricity generation mix is forecasted to increase from 19% in 2019 to 38% in 2050. Wind and solar energy are contributing to the overall increase, since they account for about half of renewable generation today.
- **Review of 2019 electricity pricing:** Electricity prices at several major hubs were generally lower in 2019 compared to 2018, except in Texas where pricing was 13% higher on average. At most hubs—including New England (ISO-NE), New York Independent System Operator (NYISO), and PJM Interconnection—electricity prices were about 15-30% lower in 2019 than in 2018. Much of this decline in electricity prices was the result of lower natural gas prices throughout 2019.



WASTE

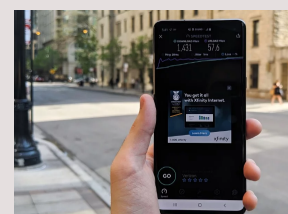
Greenest Cities in the U.S.

Ever wonder which cities are the greenest cities in America? Some cities are vocal about their environmental accomplishments, but which cities are actually the most environmentally friendly?
[Is your city on the list?](#)

TELECOM

Is 2020 the Year to Upgrade to 5G Devices?

Is it worth the expense to equip your employees with 5G phones this year? Now may not be the best time, but your decision depends on several factors including location and carrier. [What you can expect.](#)



ENERGY

Wind Power Beats Water Power

Last year wind generation in the U.S. overtook hydroelectric generation for the first time. The EIA released a report Wednesday that shows yearly wind generation in 2019 hit roughly 26 million MWh more than hydroelectric production. [Get the details.](#)

Visit Us at the Show!

Cost Control Associates will attend the following shows this spring. If you'd like to make an appointment to speak with us, [call Keith Laake](#) or [Jason Checkla](#).

- [EEI](#) (Edison Electric Institute): March 29 in Atlanta
- [PRSM](#) (Professional Retail Store Maintenance Assoc.): April 20-22 in Orlando FL
- [ISM](#) (Institute of Supply Management): April 26-29 in Boston MA
- [ESAAL](#) (Empire State Association of Assisted Living): April 27-30 in Saratoga Springs NY



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