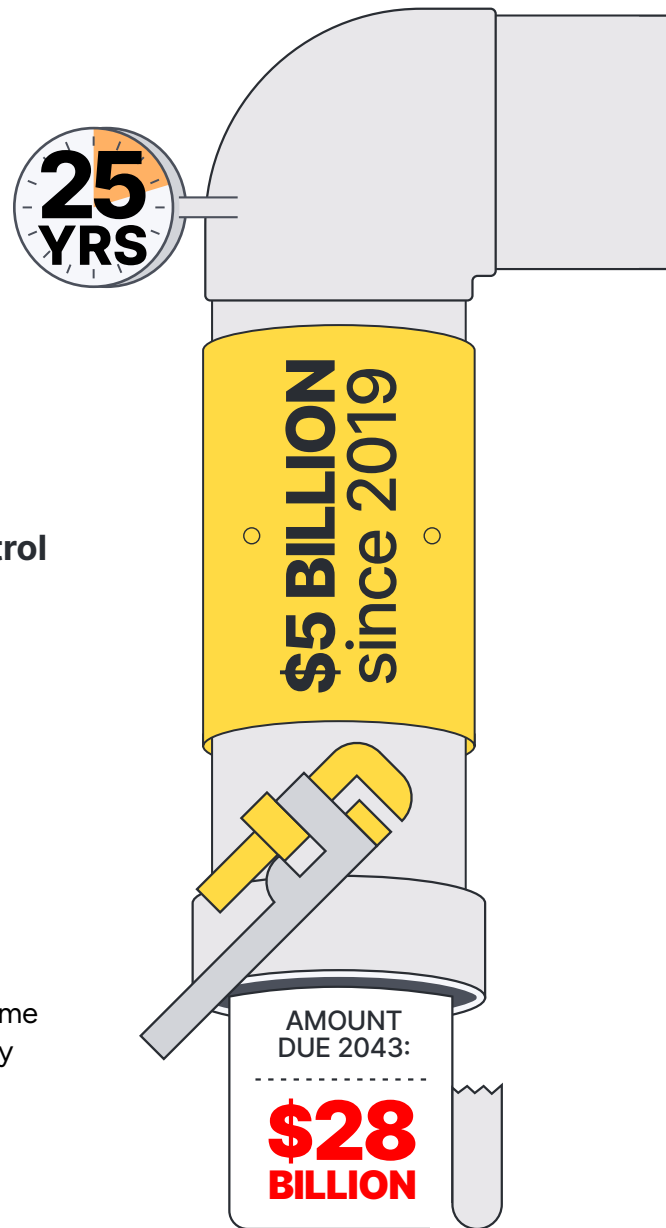


The NY HEAT Act Will Protect Families from Spending Billions on New York's Outdated Natural Gas System



The clock is ticking on New York's gas system

New York's Climate Act commits the state to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions 85% from 1990 levels by 2050. To achieve this reduction, **New York needs to transition to zero-emissions energy** to heat and cool its buildings.

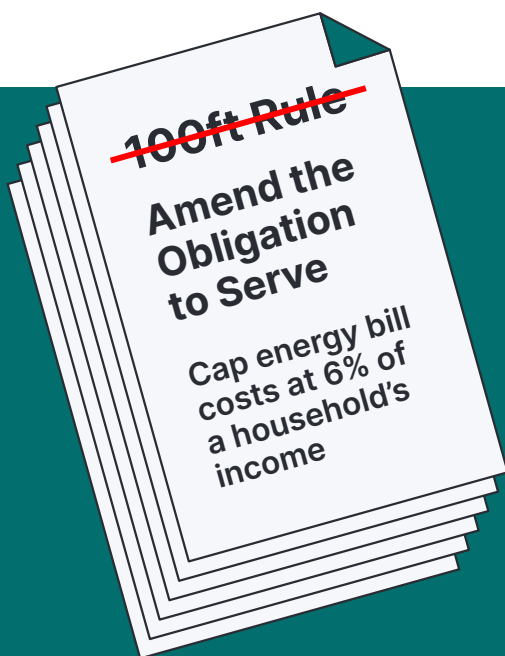
Yet spending on New York's gas system is out of control

Because it costs gas utilities between **\$3-6 million** to replace a single mile of gas pipeline, utilities have spent more than **\$5 billion** to install and replace gas mains and service lines since the Climate Act was passed in 2019.

And utilities are planning to waste billions more

If NY HEAT is not passed, this wasteful spending will continue, with gas utilities already planning to **spend an additional \$28 billion** replacing their old gas pipelines by 2043.

Who will foot this bill? Without the NY HEAT Act, it will be utility customers stuck on the gas system, especially low- and middle-income gas customers least able to afford the investment needed to electrify their existing gas heating systems.



The NY HEAT Act would enable New York to carefully transition away from gas to affordable zero-emissions heat by:

- Ending outdated gas expansion subsidies such as the "100 Foot Rule" which costs New York ratepayers \$200 million a year.
- Amending the "obligation to serve gas" and updating Public Service Law to enable the Public Service Commission to empower utilities to provide their customers with cost-effective clean heat solutions, such as heat pumps and thermal energy networks.
- Cap the cost of energy bills at 6% of a household's income, ensuring that low and middle-income households do not have to bear the burden of outdated gas distribution systems.

*Figures on past, present, and planned costs to install and replace natural gas pipelines are from the Building Decarbonization Coalition's March 2023 report, *The Future of Gas in New York State*, found at <https://buildingdecarb.org/wp-content/uploads/BDC-The-Future-of-Gas-in-NYS.pdf>