

## How Can You Support Natural Gas?

In 2011, about 44 billion cubic feet (bcf) of natural gas were used for vehicle fuel. According to Energy Information Administration, the United States imports more than about half of the oil it uses. However, 87% of the natural gas used in the U.S. was produced domestically. Natural gas currently powers more than 112,000 vehicles in the U.S. and more than 13 million vehicles worldwide according to Natural Gas Vehicles for America.

### **Check to See if Local Public Transportation Systems are Using Natural Gas**

Public transit systems such as Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (METRO), in the Washington, D.C., metro area, offer incentives for free service throughout the year. Initiatives such as this raise awareness for alternative fuels and strive to encourage the public to take METRO Bus, which runs on compressed natural gas (CNG).



Left: Medium-duty UPS delivery vehicle fueling at a CNG station. Right: 2011 Honda Civic GX. Source: NAFTC.

### **Find Out the Truth About Natural Gas**

Natural gas is a domestically produced fuel which is cleaner burning than conventional gasoline and diesel fuels. Original equipment manufacturer's vehicles are available such as the Honda Civic GX. Onboard fuel storage occurs as CNG or liquefied natural gas (LNG). Check for local fueling stations and see if the cleaner burning domestically produced fuel is right for you.

### **Encourage Others to Learn More**

Visit the following sites:

<http://www.naftc.wvu.edu/cleancitieslearningprogram>

<http://ngvamerica.org>

<http://www.cngnow.com/Pages/information.aspx>



#### **Did You Know?**

- According to the American Public Transit Association, 26% of all new transit bus orders in 2009 were for natural gas.
- Currently in the U.S., about 30 different manufacturers produce more than 100 models of light-, medium-, and heavy-duty vehicles and engines.

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