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## Renovation Case Study: A 1925 HOME AND MILWAUKIE FAMILY OF FIVE CONNECT TO NATURAL GAS, RECEIVE A HEATING AND COOLING OVERHAUL

Photo by Dale Headrick



When Brent and Danielle Sullivan bought their 1925 home in Milwaukie four years ago, they knew they'd need a new heating system after a winter using the old oil tank and pellet stove.

"Our winter heating bills have been \$600-\$700 per month, so we've been seriously weighing our heating options," Brent said.

The 2,600-square-foot farmhouse is home to Brent and Danielle, children Sebastian 9, Oliver 4, Ellie 2, and rescue pup Apollo, and features charm typical of 1925 craftsmanship – an open country kitchen, hardwood

floors, Prairie Style window sashes and Craftsman moldings.

"But this is an old home," Brent said, "so it gets cold and drafty in the winter, and hot upstairs in the kids' rooms during the summer."

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This year, they entered a NW Natural summer sweepstakes and won a gas connection with a new RUUD heating and cooling system. By late October, the oil tank was decommissioned and gas installations complete, just in time for cooler weather.

What are they expecting from their new gas service and equipment? "We're excited for it to be warm and cozy, and are most looking forward to lower utility bills in the winter," Brent added.

Though Brent and Danielle are both Oregon natives, they've been without gas since moving back to Oregon from Boston – until now. "We had gas appliances in New England, and we loved cooking on a gas range. Now we can think about doing that here, too."

The Sullivans received the following heating and cooling package **valued up to \$12,000**, provided by Mar-Hy Distributors, RUUD and NW Natural shareholders:

- One natural gas service line to the home
- RUUD 95% AFUE, ENERGY STAR® high-efficiency natural gas furnace
- Two-stage thermostat
- All-home RUUD 14.5 SEER ENERGY STAR air conditioner
- Installation by Eastside Heating and Air Conditioning, a NW Natural Preferred Contractor

**PLUS**, they expect to receive cost savings on their energy bills.



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