

How to operate your natural gas cooktop during a power outage Video transcript

Did you know you can cook on most models of natural gas cooktops, even when the power is out?

Hi, I'm John with NW Natural and with me is Christine at the NW Natural Appliance Center.

Today we're going to show you how to safely light a burner during a power outage.

When you turn the knob on your natural gas cooktop, the click-click you hear is the electronic igniter that lights the natural gas in your burner.

Of course, with the power out, there won't be any clicking so you'll need to light it another way.

All you need is a lighter like this one, which you can pick up for a couple of bucks at many stores or online.

Click the lighter on first, and place the tip near the burner you want to use.

Then just turn the knob to light.

To be safe, make certain to always double-check that the burner is turned off when you're done cooking.

That's all there is to it. Now you can safely cook food and boil water.

Most models have this feature. And to make certain that yours does, check the manual or ask your appliance dealer for details.