UTILITIES

Remember, when looking for an apartment, you generally have to pay for all utilities. Local utility companies, if given an address, should be able to provide you with an estimate of how much the bills run for a particular apartment.

GAS
In Chicago, People’s Gas is the supplier of natural gas. If you are a new customer, complete the online form at peoplesfastdelivery.com. Since heating costs can be high in winter, consider getting a plan with a standard average fee. Average costs should be from $60-$80 a month. Call People’s Gas at (312) 240-7000.

ELECTRICITY
Chicago’s main electric provider is ComEd. To contact a customer service representative, call (800) Edison-1 or (800) 334-7661.

CONNECT UTILITIES
Connect Utilities is a service that helps customers consolidate their utility, home service and subscription scheduling process into a single website. You can schedule your telephone, cable, Internet, gas, satellite, and even newspaper subscriptions through one place. For questions, call (866) 298-1514, or visit connectutilities.com.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES
Below are the responsibilities of both renters and landlords. Be sure to visit tenant.org for a comprehensive list of Chicago’s tenants rights.

RENTERS MUST
- Maintain the unit by keeping it clean and disposing of trash.
- Avoid damage to the property beyond normal wear and tear.
- Notify the landlord when repairs are needed.

LANDLORDS MUST
- Make any necessary repairs.
- Ensure that the grounds are kept in a safe, clean manner.
- Supply hot/cold water.
- Give notice before entering the apartment, and avoid excessive visits.

OTHER COSTS
- Cable
- WiFi
- Storage Unit
- Furniture
- Move-in Fee
- Appliances
- Maintenance/Community Fee

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