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Energy Tips for Our Customers

How about New Heating Equipment for the New Year?

Now that your furnace or boiler has made its heating debut, how's it doing?

Can it really survive one more season? And even if it seems to be happily humming along, what if you could upgrade to heating equipment with higher efficiency and lower emissions?

If your current heating system is over 20 years old, it may be time to upgrade. Here are 4 reasons to consider new heating equipment for the new year:

- 1. A new, high-efficiency heating system will convert more fuel into heat** instead of losing it up the chimney. You'll also feel the difference in comfort, and save up to hundreds of dollars each year.
- 2. A new system is dependable and provides more consistent warmth,** so you don't have to worry about your heating system leaving you in the cold.
- 3. Not your grandfather's boiler or furnace:** Modern boilers and furnaces are compactly designed, perfect for those hard-to-fit spaces. Plus, the latest heating equipment features technological advances like remote controls and/or app integrations.
- 4. A high-efficiency heating system will burn cleaner.** So, not only will you benefit from an upgrade, but so will the environment!



At this time of year, when we're thinking about "out with the old, in with the new," a new heating system may very well be something to think about in 2026. Interested? Give us a call.



No Heat on a Sunday or Holiday? We'll Be Right Over!

Why does it seem that heating problems happen at the worst possible time? Whether your boiler or furnace is down in the middle of your favorite team's weekend football game, or in the middle of a snowstorm, we're only a phone call away.

We proudly offer prompt, professional emergency heating services to ensure you're never without warmth when you need it most. Our expert professionals are ready to rapidly respond to any emergency and restore your comfort ASAP!

You can rest easy, knowing that warmth is just a call away!

Third Party Notification Can Help Keep Your Heat On!

Would you like someone to receive notices relating to your heating oil account?

As a New York State resident, you can select a "third party," such as a relative or friend, to receive notification if your service is going to be shut off. While this person is not responsible for paying the bill, he or she can work with us to avoid problems with the account. Third Party Notification is especially important for our elderly or disabled customers.

If you would like to sign up for Third Party Notification, please call our office and we will send you a form to complete and return to us.



A “HEAP” of Heating Assistance Is Now Available in New York State!

Applications open in New York for the Home Energy Assistance Program



Good news! New York State residents can now apply for help with heating their homes.

Enrollment opened on Monday, December 1, for the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP). Eligible people can get up to \$996 in benefits, depending on how they heat their home.

Your eligibility for HEAP depends on your income, household size, heating source, and if the household contains a vulnerable member. **You can learn how to apply and how much you may qualify for at ny.gov/services/apply-heating-assistance-heap. You can also apply in person at your county's HEAP Local District Contact; to locate yours, go to otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/contacts.**

More than 1.5 million households got Regular HEAP benefits last year. It's provided on a **first-come, first-served basis**. Although the program is overseen by the state's Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, it's 100% federally funded.

Don't Forget to Claim Your Bioheat® Fuel Tax Credit!

There's money in your future ... don't miss out!

New York State offers a tax credit for customers who use biofuels to heat their homes of one cent per percentage of biofuel that's blended with heating oil between 6% percent and 20%. **Call us for information on the biodiesel blends that you've received this year**, then have those documents ready for your accountant or tax preparer when filing your 2025 New York State income tax return.



Can we “Vent” for a Moment?



Is your couch, favorite easy chair, or area rug blocking your heating vents? You could be wasting precious energy (which translates into precious money!).

It's also a good idea to move any blinds or curtains that could be trapping the heat from entering the room. Unobstructed vents allow air to circulate efficiently, reducing strain on your HVAC system and avoiding the possibility of a carbon monoxide buildup.

Bioheat® Fuel's Incredible Journey



First came traditional heating oil. Then came low-sulfur and ultra-low-sulfur heating oil. And now we have clean, green Bioheat® fuel!

2006 The term Bioheat® is coined to describe a new, cleaner bio-based heating fuel made using renewable resources like soybean oil.

2012 New York City's first Bioheat® fuel requirement takes effect, requiring all liquid heating fuel to contain a minimum of 2% biofuel (B2).

2017 New York City raises its Bioheat® fuel standard to B5 and establishes a minimum of B10 by 2025, B15 by 2030 and B20 by 2034.

2018 Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester counties join New York City in implementing a B5 Bioheat® fuel standard.

2021 The New York State Legislature passes a law requiring B5 statewide by 2022, B10 by 2025 and B20 by 2030 – replacing the existing requirements for New York City and Long Island.

2023 B100-certified burners are produced.

2024 Boilers certified to run on B100 are manufactured and released to the public.

2025 As of July 1, the minimum Bioheat blend in New York increased from B5 to B10.

2030 New York's heating fuel suppliers have committed to achieving a 40% carbon reduction by this date.

2050 Our final goal is to achieve net-zero emissions, and we plan to get there by using higher biofuel blends.

Bioheat® fuel has come a long way – and has a bright future ahead!