



# GREEN Ideas

## Energy Tips for Our Customers

### Thanks to You and Our Terrific Team, Too!

Now that March is here, we want to thank all our customers for staying the course through a tough winter. When we were dealing with nearly a foot of snow, you shoveled your driveways and cleared the paths to your fill pipes. As temperatures and wind chills dropped into the negative numbers, you offered hot coffee and warm smiles. We truly appreciate your business and are working harder than ever to continue to bring you the best service possible.

We'd also like to thank our hardworking team for their dedication this past heating season. Always smiling, always willing to go the extra mile and work the extra hour for our customers – our employees are the best in the business and the fuel that allows our company to operate at its greatest potential.

As the weather warms up, we're washing the salt and residue off our trucks, restocking our warehouse and service vans, and brushing up on the newest heating equipment technology, all to serve you better when temperatures start to drop again.

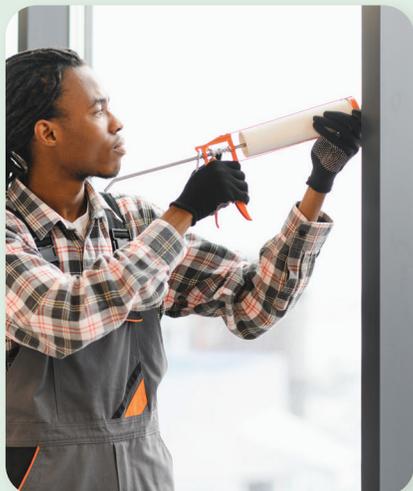
As always, we are here for any heating or hot water issues you may encounter, and remind you that spring is the best time to schedule your periodic maintenance, consider upgrading your heating equipment, and enroll in a budget plan.

Please call us with any questions you have about your home comfort. Thank you, again, for trusting us through another winter.



### Green Ideas for Spring Savings!

Did you ever wonder why this newsletter is called 'Green Ideas'? It's because we offer so many ways for you to go green – cutting your energy use, reducing your carbon footprint, and contributing to a cleaner, healthier planet. Do you know what else happens when you go green? You save money! As you use less energy, you need to spend less, too.



How can you go green and save for the spring? Try these tips:

- **Install a smart thermostat** – or at least remember to adjust your temperature settings when you leave the house or go to sleep.
- **Caulk and seal windows and doors.** This isn't just a winter tip – you need to stop drafts in every season.
- **Take advantage of the natural light** and shut off lamps and overhead lighting fixtures.

Bonus tips to prep for next winter:

- **Maintain your heating system.** Regular maintenance can reduce your energy costs by as much as 15%
- **Talk to us about advanced burner controls.** This is a cost effective upgrade to your heating system; a small change that can make a big difference in how much fuel you use.
- **Consider upgrading your heating equipment** (see article on the next page)

We have a lot more conservation advice to share! Call our office for more energy-saving recommendations.

## Your Budget Plan Is Just Around the Corner

Did winter take a big bite out of your energy budget? Take control of your annual heating expenses with a budget plan! In the next few months, you'll be receiving reminders and renewal notices from us about this convenient program.

Our budget plan spreads your anticipated fuel costs over the course of the year. You pay a consistent amount each month, starting in the spring or summer. You pay the same amount throughout the winter, even if you need more than one delivery in a month. Even better – there is **no additional cost** to you to enjoy the convenience of a budget plan!

Watch your mail and email for our budget plan notice, or call our office to learn more.



## Don't Skip Your Heating Oil Tank Inspection!

It's always a good idea to get regular, professional inspections of your heating oil tank (which are included as part of your periodic maintenance visit). However, you should also do your own visual inspections periodically, because you could spot trouble signs such as dime-sized blisters in the paint, pinhole leaks, and condensation on the outside of the tank.

Here are some other signs of a potential tank issue to look for:

- Tank legs are bent, or the slab is broken
- Rust along seams or joints
- Dents or cracks on the exterior of the tank
- Drops of fuel under the tank
- Leaks or "weeping" around the oil line, by the filter, or at the fill pipe
- Fuel odors



If you notice any of these issues, please call us immediately, so we can replace your tank before you experience a release.

## Selling? Upgrade to Add Value to Your Home.

If you are considering moving and your heating system is more than 15 years old, consider upgrading to a new, high-efficiency boiler or furnace. For a seller, a heating system upgrade can add value to the home and often boost the selling price.

As potential buyers walk through your home, they will, without fail, ask about your heating equipment. Homes with older systems are simply less desirable. No matter how well an older boiler or furnace has been maintained, the buyer is going to see it as something else they will need to replace.

With a new heating system, the buyer will be able to look forward to better comfort, lower energy costs, and one less thing to worry about when they move in! This makes your home much more saleable!

**If you're not thinking of selling, consider an upgrade so you can enjoy the benefits of new energy efficient heating equipment.**

Call us today to talk about upgrade and financing options. We have a wide range of systems, and one will be perfect for your needs.



## Final Reminder about Your Bioheat® Tax Credit

April 15, 2026 is the deadline to file your 2025 income taxes! Don't forget that New York State offers a tax credit for customers who use biofuels above a 6% blend (B6) to heat their homes. As of July 2025, all delivered heating oil in New York contains at least 10% biofuel (B10), so you may be eligible for a tax credit. If you haven't already, please call us ASAP for information on the biodiesel blends you've received this year, and have those documents ready for your accountant or tax preparer.

