# Going in the right direction with oil and propane

This is the time of year when you want to stay comfortable, avoid problems and save money. To help you keep from getting lost, we offer a few tips.



## smooth road ahead for oil and propane

**The oil heat industry** continues to undergo a revolution that is significantly improving oil heat's efficiency and cleanliness, thanks to vast reductions of sulfur levels.

As a result, **heating oil burns more cleanly, with lower emissions.** You also benefit from better heating efficiency and easier maintenance, since low-sulfur oil creates fewer deposits on heat exchangers.

*This is only the beginning.* The quality of heating oil will get even better in the years ahead. And that's good news for the environment—and for your pocketbook.

**Technology is also bringing about exciting options on the road ahead.** One product recently introduced into the residential market uses micro-combined heat and power (micro-CHP) technology so a furnace can be combined with a generator to heat the home and make electricity.

Another new propane option is a **high-efficiency heat pump** that's driven by a propane-fueled engine. This system is designed to efficiently heat and cool multiple zones in a home.



# up ahead: tankless water heaters

**The average household** uses about 65 gallons of hot water each day. Are you paying more than you should to keep all that hot water flowing? Do you keep running out? If you had a tankless propane water heater, you wouldn't have to worry about this. Here's why.

**Lower bills.** By operating only when hot water is needed (and not using a pilot light), a tankless system will cut your monthly bills—*sometimes by as much as 40 %!* 

**Unlimited hot water.** Imagine never running out of hot water in the shower—even if the dishwasher and washing machine are running!

**Easy fit.** Tankless systems can be wall mounted; these units are about the size of a suitcase, which means we can put them in crawl spaces, attics, closets, and other tight spaces.

More value for your home. A tankless water heater will improve your home energy rating system (HERS) and LEED scores, which adds more value to your home.\*

We will be glad to give you advice and answer your questions about your options in water heaters!

\*HERS is a nationally recognized system for inspecting and calculating a home's energy performance. Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) is a green building certification program.



## your destination: comfort and savings

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With all that you have to deal with during the winter, the last thing you want is to lose sleep over concerns that your old furnace or boiler is going to conk out and leave you cold.

When you purchase a new high-efficiency oil or propane heating system, you'll immediately eliminate those worries.

You'll save a lot of money down the road too. A new system should help you save up to 20% on your annual heating costs. If you significantly improve system efficiency by upgrading from a really old system to a high-efficiency unit, your savings could be 40% or more! You'll feel the difference in comfort. And you'll also save on repairs, because you'll minimize the potential of a breakdown, which is a common problem with older systems.

**Today's oil heat and propane heat is clean, green and extremely economical.** The latest oil heating systems are small, smart and super-efficient. And there are many different equipment options out there that can fit your budget.

We can help you determine which system is just right for your energy needs. Contact us today and we'll be happy to help.



## tips to avoid a bumpy ride

**We want to make sure** you're getting the most out of your heating system. We've provided a few tips here on how to keep it running safely and efficiently.

- Keep the area around your system as clean and clutter-free as possible. Never store anything flammable near your system.
- Change or clean the filters in your furnace about once a month. A dirty filter compromises efficiency and can even result in a shutdown.
- After a storm, clear any snow or ice from your propane tank and its components. Inspect the outside air vents ensure there is no blockage.

- Keep a path to your oil fill pipe and clear your driveway after a storm so our driver can reach your tank.
- If you ever smell gas, leave your home right away. Report the problem from another location as soon as possible.