



The hot topic of energy costs

More than ever before, rising energy costs are on everyone's mind this winter — including ours! As an industry leader, we believe it's our responsibility to help you with your energy costs by sharing our latest tips, advice and information to help you save energy, save money and have a positive impact on our environment.



How you can save energy.

Heating can account for almost half of the average family's winter energy bill (Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy), making it most homeowner's largest energy expense. But there are ways to be smart about reducing these expenses and saving energy in your home:

Think about improving or replacing your existing heating system.

Replacing an old oil heating system with a new one can reduce your bills significantly — by as much as 40%! In addition to energy savings and increased home value, you'll also help the environment with a cleaner, more efficient, reliable and environmentally-friendly system.

Install a programmable thermostat and set temperatures lower at night when asleep and during the day when not at home.

By automatically lowering the temperature inside your house by 5 to 10 degrees during these periods, you can cut your heating bills by up to 20% a year. (Source: MSNBC)

Install new storm windows and doors.

In cold climates, EnergyStar® windows can reduce your heating bills by 30% — 40% compared to uncoated, single-pane windows. (Source: Efficient Windows Collaborative)

Energy saving tips for every home.

Every home is unique, but there are quick tips and rules of thumb that anyone can implement right away — for little or no expense — to make a big difference in your energy savings this winter:

Home heating saving tips:

Turn off kitchen, bath or other fans within 20 minutes of cooking or bathing to retain heated air.

Schedule regular maintenance check-ups and clean or replace filters on furnaces once a month or as needed.

Insulate walls and heating ducts in attics and crawlspaces and keep them in good repair to prevent heat loss of up to 60% at registers.

Open draperies and blinds of the windows in direct sunlight to naturally heat your home during the day and keep them closed at night to keep heat in.

Install weather stripping or caulking around windows, doors and thresholds to seal air leaks.

Consider adding insulated window treatments.

Install ceiling fans to help circulate warm air.

Water saving tips that could also save energy:

Repair leaky faucets promptly.

Install aerating, low-flow faucets and shower heads.

Take more showers than baths.

Wash only full loads of dishes and clothes.

More energy saving tips:

Turn lights off when leaving rooms.

Use compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) rather than incandescent light bulbs in common areas.

Set refrigerator temperature to 37-40 degrees.

Install low-cost fireplace modifications (such as a flue-top damper, fireplace grate or glass doors).

Upgrade your equipment to systems that are EnergyStar® rated, e.g. Burnham Boilers.

You can count on Petro as a trusted partner to help you stay warm while saving energy costs. For more information please call 800.OIL HEAT (800.645.4328).





The Petro difference.

We're more than just a heating oil company. As the country's leading provider of home heating oil, we've been keeping our neighbors warm in the winter and cool in the summer with uninterrupted service for over a century.

We've never run out of oil. Many competitors experience difficulties meeting the needs of their customers — particularly in challenging times like this.

Our experience, large network and resources uniquely position us to support all your home heating and cooling needs better than any other oil company.

Our customer service professionals, drivers and technicians all live and work where you do — so we can understand, support and service your home comfort needs on a personal level whenever you need us, 24/7, all year. Our technicians average at least 20 years experience and all come to your home with the tools and supplies they need to meet your needs.

How Petro can help you save energy costs.

You can rely on us to help you save on energy costs and improve the value of your home with:

- Installation of a new, energy-efficient home heating system.
- Expert installation of an energy efficient programmable thermostat.
- Comprehensive service contracts that give you the level of protection that you need and deserve.
- Periodic tune-ups on your heating equipment to help save you money.



The Burnham MPO Boiler offers highly efficient heating oil combustion to help you save big on cold winter bills!

Upgrade your heating system with Petro and save.

Save energy and save the environment by upgrading your older system to a new energy-efficient model from Petro. And there are additional potential opportunities for tax credits by installing energy efficient equipment in your home. Visit www.energystar.gov for more information on tax credits available in your area.

Learn more about energy savings.

If you would like to learn more about how to save energy costs and save the environment, the following websites are a good source of information:

U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585
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US EPA, ENERGY STAR Hotline (6202J)
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