

PORT OIL

HOT IDEAS

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What can you do to lower your heating bill?

- ◆ Talk to us about participating in our “Smart Buy” (budget) program, which can help stabilize your monthly bill.
- ◆ Talk to us about our “capped” or “fixed” price protection programs, which are available in late spring for our automatic delivery customers.
- ◆ You can obtain a home energy audit to ensure that your furnace & appliances are running efficiently before the heating season begins. Most town halls can recommend who does the audits in your area.
- ◆ You can weatherize your home by installing the proper insulation in your house & around your hot water heater. Quick & easy fixes such as caulking & weather stripping windows & doors can keep out cold air & save energy.
- ◆ Make sure your heating unit is cleaned on an annual basis. If you have old & out-dated equipment, call our office for a free replacement estimate.
- ◆ Install a programmable thermostat or reduce temperature settings on your thermostat, especially when you are not at home.
- ◆ Apply for Federal & State energy fuel assistance programs. These are available to heating oil customers who are on limited incomes. Call our office for fuel assistance agency phone numbers.

OIL TANK PROTECTION:

Why pay for an oil tank, when you can get one for free?

With oil tank replacements costing \$2000 or more, this seems like a “no-brainer”.

That is why we are offering our premium Tank-Guard insurance program. Tank-Guard protects the inside of your tank with a liquid corrosive inhibitor. Our Tank-Guard program gives you a comprehensive warranty that will provide a **free** tank replacement if your tank leaks from internal corrosion.

Do not leave your tank ‘unprotected’ for another year.

To sign up, fill out the form, below, & mail or fax back to us with your yearly premium of \$39.95 (per tank).

TANK-GUARD Oil Tank Protection Program Enrollment Form

Please enroll my oil tank(s) in the TANK-GUARD Program, enclosed is my check for \$39.95, per tank, for the TANK-GUARD & the one year warranty.

(Please Print) Name

of tanks

Address



Remember, **the enrollment deadline is January 1, 2008**. So, why not return this form today with your signature & payment, while it's on your mind?

The recent run-up in oil prices has led to both consumers and oil dealers looking for some one to blame. Unfortunately, things are not so simple. We live in a time when the global economy is the driving force behind energy prices. The increased demand for oil in developing countries such as China combined with the declining value of the dollar has pushed oil prices over \$100 per barrel. Despite the laws of supply and demand (high inventories of heating oil and a warm winter), the price of heating oil has continued to climb.

With energy prices at these elevated levels, the most important thing to do is to look at your home's "envelope" and make it as tight as possible. Look at doors, windows, and other areas to search for signs of heat leakage.

Here are some simple things everyone can do to save money on home heating bills:

Make sure your home has plenty of insulation, especially in the attic! This alone can cut heating costs up to 25%. Make sure your attic access door is insulated, too. If you have pull-down stairs, buy a rigid foam box to go over them.

Seal off any gaps in your attic. They are commonly found near the chimney, near pipes and over fixtures.

Pull down shades or blinds - and use your curtains - on cold winter nights.

On a windy day, search for leaks. Dampen the back of your hand, and hold it near every window frame, door frame, baseboard, etc. If you feel cold air, you know you have a leak.

When you find leaks: block them! Experiment with different kinds of weather stripping. Use painter's caulk around the trim of windows and doors. Try plastic wrap! Take a small sheet of plastic wrap, roll it loosely, and tuck it into leaky places on window frames with a putty knife.

Act like a detective, hunting down hidden places that are not well-insulated. Pull out the drawers of built-ins, look into old cupboards, and take the plate off of electrical outlets or light switches. All of these may be exposed to cold air.

Set your thermostat as low as comfortable!

WE'LL KEEP YOU WARM....

PORT OIL SERVICE

Our technical service department offers service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We pride ourselves on our dedication and customer service to our customers.

We offer a yearly service contract on your heating unit, which covers not only your annual tune-up, it covers many other repairs or replacements. For more information on what is included on the contract, call our office or visit our website.

Our technicians are trained in new heating system and oil tank installations. If you think your system needs replacement, call for a free consultation and site review.



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