



HELLO FALL

We are into the last quarter of the year: School starts again, summer vacations are now in the photo section of your smartphone, and our attention starts to turn to getting ready for the fall and winter.

I can hear your groans! But it's important to be ready for whatever the weather brings us in the next several months. When it comes to heating your home, an ounce of prevention is truly worth a pound of cure (and it's also a lot less expensive).

At this point, you should have received communications about our capped price plans, fixed price contracts, and budget payment plans to manage your heating oil costs in 2026/2027. If you haven't heard from us or you are still thinking about your best payment options, call our customer service team.

Now more than ever, scheduling your annual inspection for your heating system is essential. Our service calendar is open and filling quickly, so set up the appointment day that works best for you. Note: Once the weather starts to turn and the heat gets turned on, our "no heat" emergency customers need to rise to the top of our priority list. Getting your inspection now while the weather is still moderate is a smart decision.

While we may be refocusing on the fall, there's so much about this time of the year that we must make the time to enjoy: the best local corn, amazing apples, farm stands and backyard gardens overflowing with produce, local fairs, cooler nights where we can leave the windows open. Enjoy all of it!

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Annual Inspection
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It's Annual Inspection Time

Living in Connecticut, you know the weather can turn on a dime. The last thing you want is to turn on your furnace or boiler and nothing happens, or you're trying to heat your home with a system that isn't working properly or is pushing the heat through dirty filters. The worst-case scenario: You thought you could get just one more year out of your 20-year-old system and it decides to stop working. Be ready for the months ahead by getting your system cleaned and checked now. Take five minutes to call our team at 203-777-5747 and check this "to do" off your list.

Our Monthly Budget Plan: An Essential Part of This Heating Season



Last winter was cold and snowy. That meant homeowners used more heating oil and we delivered it in less-than-ideal conditions. While we don't have a crystal ball to predict the 2026/2027 season, we do know that, due to global circumstances, prices have increased throughout the summer, and may continue for the foreseeable future. It's not too late to join our monthly budget plan which will help

you break up your heating costs over the course of 11 months. With the current price of oil, this might be something you would want to explore. Call us at 203-777-5747, Monday-Friday from 8:00am-4:30pm, or email us at info@traceyenergy.com to learn more.

Maximize the Efficiency of Your Heating System



As we head into the heating season, we want to do all we can to ensure our customers not only get the best prices we can provide but also have all the information and tools to maximize the efficiency of your heating systems.

- **Take the time *now* to check your system and complete any maintenance.** Being prepared is always better than being

reactive to a problem or issue (and usually a lot less expensive).

- **Schedule your annual inspection.** It can increase efficiency by up to 10% and, based on today's oil prices, that can mean a savings of about \$300 in heating bills. This is one of the best investments you can make to ensure your system is operating properly. Filters will be changed, parts will be checked, and our service techs will have the opportunity to identify issues before they become real problems.
- **Assess your home's insulation.** This is not the time to have your heat literally going out through your roof. At least six inches of insulation in your attic will help you better maintain the heat in your home.
- **Assess your home's windows, doors and electrical outlets for drafts.** Again, a little maintenance can go a long way. Use a bottom seal on gaps in door thresholds and use removable caulk or weather stripping on drafty windows.
- **Remove air conditioning window units and store them until next summer.** Maybe even consider calling now for a quote for ductless units which will free up window space in the spring and can provide a supplemental heating source in the winter.
- **Wrap any pipes that could be exposed to freezing temperatures.** This keeps the heat inside the pipe and protects them from freezing if temperatures significantly drop this winter. Burst pipes can occur quickly and become a very costly situation.
- **If your heating system is 15 – 20 years old, consider a new one.** New systems are much more efficient, and our HVAC team can provide you with a free consultation on costs and installation.

Festival Fever!



Madison, Southbury, Winsted, Milford and more have late September apple, antique and music festivals just waiting for you! From old cars to apple pies, this is a wonderful time of year to bring home fall produce, find a pumpkin or two, and enjoy those quintessential fall flavors. [Find a list of them here!](#)