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## **REDUCE YOUR HOME HEATING BILLS!**

While you can't control the worldwide factors that influence both the price and the supply and demand of home heating oil, there are some basic things you can control to help keep your usage and energy costs down.

Some simple steps you can take to reduce your home heating oil needs:

Have your oil burner cleaned and tuned-up. By keeping your system working at maximum efficiency, you could reduce your oil usage by up to 5%.

Install a new high-efficiency oil heating system. If your current equipment is over 20 years old, replacing it with a modern system could cut your fuel bill by up to 25%.

Install a programmable thermostat. By simply programming thermostat to lower the temperature from 72° to 66° when you are sleeping or not at home, you could save up to 10% on your fuel bill.

Keep your baseboards, radiators and heat registers clean and keep them clear of furniture and draperies which could block heat flow.

Make sure that your doors and windows are well caulked and sealed to provide a weather-tight fit.

Upgrade to well insulated, double pane windows.

Ensure that your house is well insulated, especially in the attic where up to 30% of a home's heat loss can occur.

If you have a fireplace, close the damper when it is not being used.

Take advantage of the sun! Open and close drapes and shades to let the sun (and its heat) shine in, especially on the south side of you home.

Insulate your pipes to help prevent heat loss.

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