

Today's Bioheat® is clean and green!

Update #119



HOT Ideas

Energy tips for our customers



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Breathe Easier this Fall with Bioheat® Fuel

With fall allergy season here, more and more New Yorkers are thinking about something they otherwise rarely consider ... their breathing. Sneezing, coughing and wheezing — whether yours or someone else's — will certainly get you thinking about the air you inhale every day. That's why we're proud to say that **Bioheat® fuel literally helps New Yorkers breathe easier.** Although it doesn't cut back on the dust, pollen or other allergens in the air, it does reduce the presence of **fine particulate matter (PM2.5)**, which is a major pollutant and public health concern.

From 2012 to 2015, more than 6,000 buildings in NYC converted from No. 6 and No. 4 heating oils to clean, green, ultra-low sulfur Bioheat® fuel.

That's why the New York City heating industry is proud to supply our city's residents and businesses with clean, green Bioheat® fuel every fall and winter. As for your fall allergies, we might be able to help there too. Schedule your heating system's annual cleaning to improve the indoor air quality of your building. This way, you'll be able to breathe easier both inside and outside.



B5 Is Coming to NYC

It's official. B5 Bioheat® fuel (5% biodiesel) is coming to NYC in 2017. According to a press release issued September 28, 2016: "The New York City Council today voted overwhelmingly to pass INT. 642-A, sponsored by Council Member Costa Constantinides. The legislation ensures more sustainable energy consumption by increasing the use of biodiesel in home heating oil. The bill increases biodiesel use from the current standard of 2% to a 5% blend by October 2017, and then raises that blend up to 20% by 2034 on an incremental basis."

HOT Ideas has been following the progress of B5 legislation since it was first proposed by Councilman Constantinides in February 2015. Of course, our coverage of Bioheat® fuel goes back even further to the days of the Bloomberg administration, when the B2 Bioheat® fuel standard was first proposed and implemented. The New York Oil Heating Association and its members have been some of the most vocal supporters of increased biodiesel blending, as we've been working hard to reduce the environmental footprints of our industry and our customers.

Back in issue #117, we were delighted to share the news that Bioheat® fuel usage resulted in "greenhouse gas emissions reductions of 84,000 metric tons — the equivalent of removing 17,700 passenger vehicles on the road." Today's news is even more exciting for the Big Green Apple, because, as the City Council's press release states, "The increase from a 2% to a 5% blend would have an environmental impact equivalent of taking 45,000 cars off the road." Look for additional updates in future issues of *HOT Ideas* and talk to your local Bioheat® fuel dealer for more green energy solutions.





Time for a Test Run

Is your heating system ready for what could be a long, cold winter? Let's find out! **Please follow these simple steps to test your heating system:**

1. Check that the emergency switch is in the "on" position.
2. Turn up the thermostat at least 10 degrees higher than the actual room temperature.
3. Wait a few minutes to hear your heating equipment hum into action.

If your heating system doesn't start up, follow these troubleshooting steps:

1. Press the reset button on your burner's relay just once.
2. Make sure both emergency switches are on. There might be one switch at the stairs and another by the equipment.
3. Check your electrical panel for a blown fuse or tripped circuit. Use caution, turn off all the lights around the heating system and reset the appropriate breaker.
4. Double-check your thermostat. Make sure it's switched to the "on" or "heat" position.

If your heating system still won't start, call your Bioheat® fuel dealer immediately. Don't forget: the best way to ensure your heating system is ready for the cold weather is to have an annual tune-up performed. If you haven't already scheduled yours, give us a call today.

Your Fall Comfort Forecast

Temperatures in NYC have been slightly above average over the past few months, so the question now is will this trend continue later into fall, or should we start bundling up for an early winter?

According to the National Weather Service, temperatures should continue to remain slightly above average for most of November before dipping later in the month. AccuWeather predicts that the first in a long series of 40°-49° days will be Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 24. Forecasts call for a high of 48° with a chilly low of 35°, so be sure to layer up if you're planning to attend the 90th Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

After November, temperatures are expected to take a quick turn for the worse, hitting the thirties by December 12, so please remember to test your heating system and schedule its annual tune-up before then. A warm November gives us all a little extra breathing room, but let's not waste this welcome opportunity. To get your home ready for winter, call your local Bioheat® fuel dealer today.



Upgrade & Save NYC Update

using the Upgrade & Save New York City Energy Efficiency and Safety Rebate Program to have their outdated oil-fired boilers or furnaces, burners and controls, or oil storage tanks replaced with newer models. The program provides **\$500 for a new, higher-efficiency boiler or furnace, \$100 for a new oil burner and controls, and \$200 for a new aboveground storage tank**, with a limit of two rebates per household and a maximum combined rebate of \$700.

As of September 19:

- \$47,200 in Upgrade & Save NYC rebates have been awarded
- 95 Upgrade & Save NYC rebates have been authorized
- 90 High-efficiency boilers have been installed through Upgrade & Save NYC
- \$45,000 in Upgrade & Save NYC rebates have been awarded for high-efficiency boilers
- 4 High-efficiency furnaces have been installed through Upgrade & Save NYC
- \$2,000 in Upgrade & Save NYC rebates have been awarded for high-efficiency furnaces
- 1 Aboveground Storage Tank has been installed through Upgrade & Save NYC
- \$200 in Upgrade & Save NYC rebates have been awarded for aboveground storage tanks

There is still *some* time left to join the dozens of satisfied New Yorkers who have upgraded and saved on high-efficiency home heating equipment, but not much! The **program closes on December 31**, and the heating season will be here even sooner, so call your participating Bioheat® fuel dealer today and tell them you want to Upgrade & Save.

Since January 2016, homeowners across the five boroughs have been

