

THE ESTES CONNECTION

Servicing the Community for over 50 Years

ESTES OIL
& PROPANE

Locally Owned and Operated



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Summer 2016

Dear Valued Customer,

Warm weather is finally here! Not that we had too much to complain about this past winter, especially compared to the 2014-2015 season. Of course we had to deal with our share of snow storms—some big ones, too—and cold snaps that never seemed to end. But hey, it's winter in Maine! We've grown to expect and prepare for the worst, and it's always nice when Mother Nature throws us a "tolerable" season.

It was also nice to enjoy low fuel prices this past winter. Propane prices were very reasonable, and heating oil prices were some of the lowest we've experienced in over a decade. We hope everyone was able to take advantage of the low prices and put a little money back in your pocket. While we can't say for sure where fuel prices will head next year, industry experts are forecasting relatively low prices again. Here's hoping!

We'd also like to take a moment to thank everyone for your continued patronage. It was a pleasure to be able to serve our loyal customers during the heating season, and we hope that we're able to help your family through the summer, too. We offer expert air conditioning tune-ups, maintenance, and installations to keep you cool and comfortable through the hottest months. Give us a call if we can be of service in any way, or visit www.estesoil.com to learn more about our home comfort services.

Enjoy your summer!

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Sign up Now for Our 2016-2017 Prebuy or Platinum Plan!

See inside for details →

Protect Your Fuel Costs with Our Prebuy and Budget Plans

Overwhelmed by high energy bills during peak winter months? Make your payments more manageable and predictable with our Prebuy and Platinum Budget Plans. We customize whichever plan you choose to work with your home comfort needs and budget.

PLATINUM PLAN

- ✓ Spread your oil or propane costs into small, manageable monthly payments
- ✓ Choose to autopay each month for greater convenience
- ✓ Benefit from automatic fuel delivery
- ✓ Take advantage of our Blue Ribbon or Propane Comfort Service Plan, included in your monthly payment

**PLATINUM AND PREBUY
PLANS AVAILABLE UNTIL
SEPTEMBER 1, 2016**

PREBUY PLAN

- ✓ Purchase your total anticipated gallons at a preseason rate
- ✓ Receive price cap protection to ensure you're getting the best price
- ✓ Benefit from automatic fuel delivery
- ✓ Be worry-free about market price fluctuation and placing your delivery orders throughout the winter

**BACK BY
POPULAR
DEMAND**

Our Ugliest Boiler Contest!

Everyone had so much fun participating in our Ugliest Boiler contest last year that we just HAD to bring it back again this year!

HOW TO ENTER:

Visit www.estesoil.com/ugly-boiler-contest to submit a photo of your old, outdated boiler before 9/1/16. Please include the approximate age of your system and current oil/propane consumption gallons.

HOW TO VOTE:

Voting will take place at www.estesoil.com/vote between 10/1/16-10/15/16. Five finalists will be identified on the website. The boiler that receives the most votes will win this year's ugliest boiler contest!

WHAT YOU'LL WIN:

WINNER receives a FREE Bosch, Buderus, or Lennox heating system installation. A value of up to \$5,000!

FIVE CHOSEN FINALISTS receive \$500 toward a new Bosch, Buderus, or Lennox heating system installation.

ALL CONTESTANTS receive \$100 toward a new Bosch, Buderus, or Lennox heating system installation.

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ONE OF LAST YEAR'S WINNERS



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IMPORTANT: Safety Information for Propane Customers

While propane is a safe, reliable, and clean energy source, it is important to remember these basic safety tips:

TIP 1: DETECTING A PROPANE LEAK

Propane has a distinct scent. If you are unaware of what propane smells like, please call us today at (207) 363-4172 and we will provide you with this critical safety information via a scratch-and-sniff brochure. If you do smell propane, vacate your home and call us immediately.

TIP 2: MAKE SURE YOU ALWAYS HAVE PROPANE IN YOUR TANK

A propane fuel run-out can result in serious safety hazards, including fires and explosions. Make sure your tank has fuel in it at all times.

TIP 3: IF YOU SUSPECT CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) IS PRESENT IN YOUR HOME, RESPOND IMMEDIATELY!

Although extremely rare, CO can be released by appliances that are not operating correctly, or from a blocked venting system or chimney. This is why annual system maintenance is crucial to the safety of your system, and your family. If you suspect CO may be present in your home, turn off any appliances that may be emitting the gas, call your local fire department, open windows and doors to allow fresh air into your home, and wait outside.

Get Fired Up!

Summer is here, and there's no better way to celebrate than breaking out those propane grills for backyard BBQs with friends and family. Kick up your traditional BBQ a notch and treat yourself to a local favorite—grilled Maine lobster tails! It's easy to prepare, cooks fast, and is a guaranteed hit!

GRILLED MAINE LOBSTER TAILS

Recipe provided by Maine Lobster Dealers' Association

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 box of frozen, 4-5 ounce Maine Lobster Tails
- 2 sticks butter, melted
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

DIRECTIONS:

1. Thaw lobster tails by placing them each in a bowl of lukewarm water for 15 minutes. Mix other ingredients together in a sauce pan over low heat. Cut tails down the center lengthwise so that they are butterflied.
2. Place tails in a grill rack and grill over medium heat with the meat facing up, basting often with the butter mixture.
3. Turn once or twice as necessary. Lobster tails are done when the meat is white instead of opaque.
4. Total cooking time should be about 10-12 minutes (but can vary based on the heat of the grill).

Serves 8-10



Now Available – Propane Grill Tank Delivery!

Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, we're offering our customers home delivery for propane grill tanks. When you notice your tank levels are close to empty, give us a call and we'll send over a new one so there's no disruption to your kabobs or backyard s'mores. Summer cooking made easy!

Tank drop-offs will take place on Thursdays and Fridays, and delivery requests must be scheduled by 2pm the day before.

\$5 OFF

YOUR FIRST PROPANE GRILL TANK DELIVERY FEE

Tank must be delivered by Estes Oil & Propane. Offer expires 9/5/16.



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WELCOME!

The Estes Connection will bring you valuable information about us, our community, special offers and incentives, plus articles that can help you save. Look for a new issue each new season!



Check out Our Classic Commercials on YouTube!

If you're a long-time resident of the area—and many of our customers are—perhaps you remember seeing the commercials featuring the Estes family on Gilligan's Island, or maybe you remember The Dukes of Estes series. We're happy to announce that these classic parody commercials have been digitally formatted and are now up on YouTube for your viewing pleasure. (And trust us, you'll WANT to see these!)

Visit <http://tinyurl.com/EstesYouTube> and take a walk down memory lane with us!



Supporting Our Community

At Estes Oil & Propane, we're grateful for the many years of support that our local customers have shown us. In return, it's important to us to give back the community that has kept us in business since 1962.

Here are some of the local charities and organizations we proudly support:

YORK YOUTH FOOTBALL

MUSEUMS OF OLD YORK

YORK POLICE ASSOCIATION

YORK PARKS AND REC

YORK ELKS LODGE

YORK COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

YORK LITTLE LEAGUE

MARSHWOOD HOCKEY

BERWICK YOUTH BASEBALL

SEACOAST COMMUNITY CHORUS

YORK LAND TRUST

THINK AGAIN

YORK LIONS CLUB

YORK HALL OF FAME

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION OF MAINE

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