



## News & Helpful Hints for the Informed Homeowner

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#### Christmas office hours

Our offices will close at noon on December 24th and will be closed December 25th in observance of Christmas. We will re-open Wednesday, December 26th at 7am.

Our offices will also be closed January 1st in celebration of the new year!

#### Keystone HELP Program

This low rate loan program is available for customers who are installing energy efficient improvements in their home. Visit their website here to find out more.

#### Natural Gas Installations and Conversions

Did you know we now install natural gas systems and convert systems to natural gas? If natural gas is available in your area and you're interested in making the switch, give us a call!



We have already had one snow and we have a feeling another storm is not far from our forecast. Lancaster County always seems extra beautiful in the snow.

Did you know... There are many things you can do to increase the heating efficiency of your home. Read on for a few tips we compiled to help you this winter.

As always, we encourage you to keep up with the yearly maintenance on your heating equipment. Call our office to schedule your tune-up!

Thank you for your continued support! We look forward to continuing to serve your heating and cooling needs.

Ken and Shane Weaver

### Quick Tips For a Warmer Home

A few small changes can equal significant savings on your winter heating bill!

- Have a programmable thermostat? Keep your home cooler when you're not at home or while you're sleeping. Just a few degrees cooler can decrease your oil usage for the season.
- Take advantage of natural heat and light: Open blinds and curtains on windows facing the sun to add some much-needed heat into a home at no extra cost. You can also invest in energy efficient curtains and blinds to keep cool air out.
- Invest in storm windows and doors. While the initial cost may seem large, the long term savings win out in the end. If you don't have storm windows, consider sealing or covering your windows with plastic.
- Maintain, maintain, maintain. Make sure you're doing your annual tune up for your heating system and always keep an eye on your chimney and fireplace.

### VisiTank - Remote Tank Level Monitoring

At Weaver Energy, we use degree days to predict when your tank is running low on oil. While reliable, sometimes your oil usage becomes irregular (like when you have house guests using more hot water or you decide to turn your thermostat up for a few days) and increases the possibility of running out of oil. The VisiTank system assesses your tank level and sends the information to a wireless, plug-in monitor that you can place anywhere in your home to view your tank level. It's especially helpful for locations where you can't always check the tank, such as vacation homes or managed properties.