

# A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR ENERGY CONSCIOUS CONSUMERS

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### **REFRESH & RENEW**

Firstly, we want to thank you for choosing us as your provider for heating oil and/or propane. We appreciate your loyalty and continued business. As always, we are committed to providing you with the best possible service and ensuring that you are warm and comfortable in your homes.

The shift from winter to spring has always been welcomed, but we understand that making changes when it comes to heating your home can be daunting. With the warmer weather approaching, it's important to start thinking about your heating needs for the upcoming year. As a reminder, we offer a variety of services to help you save money and stay comfortable, including budget plans (available later this summer), automatic delivery, tank monitoring, and equipment maintenance services. Our team of experts are available to answer any questions you may have and help you choose the best plan for your needs.

In addition to our heating oil services, we also offer propane delivery and installation services. Propane is a versatile and efficient fuel source that can be used for a variety of applications, including heating, cooking, and powering generators. If you're interested in learning more about propane or switching to propane as your primary fuel source, please contact us to speak with one of our specialists.

# **QUICK BILL PAY**

You can go to <u>HindsEnergy.com</u> and pay your bill using a debit or credit card. We accept Mastercard, Visa, American Express, and Discover Cards.

If you would like to go to paperless billing, you can call and speak to one of our customer care representatives and simply give them your email address. They can set you up to email your delivery tickets, statements, service bills, etc. Call to speak to one of them today at 570-278-3811, option 1.

# SAVINGS FOR ALL GRILLMASTERS.

From May 1st to August 1st, 2023, we will be offering discounted 20-lb propane refills every THURSDAY for only \$13!

This deal is available at our Main Office on 60 Post St., Montrose, PA, and Hinds Mart on 1503 E. Main St., Susquehanna, PA. As always, tank service and recertification are available at our Hinds Energy headquarters in Montrose, PA. This offer cannot be combined with other coupons or discounts. Offer valid only on Thursdays between May 1 and August 1, 2023.



# **HVAC SPRING CLEANING CHECK LIST**

By following this checklist, you can help ensure that your HVAC system is ready for the upcoming spring and summer seasons and reduce the likelihood of unexpected repairs or breakdowns.

- ☐ Change the air filter. One of the easiest and most important tasks for maintaining your HVAC system is to regularly change the air filter. A dirty filter can decrease the efficiency of your system and cause it to work harder, leading to higher energy bills.
- □ Clean the outdoor unit. The outdoor unit of your air conditioner can collect dirt, debris, and other pollutants over time. Use a garden hose to gently wash away any accumulated dirt or debris. Be sure to turn off the power to the unit before cleaning it.
- ☐ Check the refrigerant level. Low refrigerant levels can cause your air conditioner to work harder and increase your energy bills. Have a professional check the refrigerant level and add more if needed.

- ☐ Inspect ductwork for leaks. Leaky ductwork can lead to decreased efficiency and higher energy bills. Check your ductwork for any signs of leaks and have them repaired as needed.
- ☐ Clean the vents and registers. Dust, dirt, and debris can accumulate in your vents and registers over time. Use a vacuum cleaner or a damp cloth to clean them out and remove any obstructions.
- ☐ Test the thermostat. Check your thermostat to ensure it is functioning properly and set it to the appropriate temperature for the season.
- Schedule a professional inspection. A Hinds Energy HVAC professional can perform a more thorough inspection and cleaning of your system, identifying any potential issues and ensuring your system is running smoothly and efficiently.

# SUPPORTING YOUTH SPORTS

The community may greatly benefit from youth sports, and Hinds Energy firmly believes that we can do a lot to support the futures of our children. We try to help them in every way we can because of this. We are pleased to support the Ice House Hawks, Susquehanna Little League, Montrose Football, and Greater Binghamton FC 2010 Boys Soccer Team as their principal sponsors. Through our efforts, 165 children were able to play baseball and receive complete jerseys and equipment. As a company, we cherish the community and work hard to make significant investments in youth programs for 2023.

Sports are still one of the best ways we can help our kids grow and develop. We can understand the value of encouraging our children's growth through athletics when we consider the long list of advantages. Although this may require some early mornings and extended car rides, you will be teaching your child vital life skills in addition to creating unforgettable memories.

The highlights for us as parents include watching our children play football, dribble a basketball, or abruptly launch





a baseball into left field. However, what we do not realize is that while our children are simply having fun and learning, we are having a profound effect on their development. In addition to improving their physical health, they will also improve their psychological health. A win-win situation exists. In addition to allowing children to release pent-up energy, make new friends, and comprehend the significance of teamwork, participation in youth sports has shown it boosts self-esteem, confidence, cognitive performance, and creativity.

# HOW TO KNOW WHEN YOUR OIL TANK NEEDS TO BE REPLACED.

Knowing when to replace your oil tank is essential to avoid leaks, spills, and other safety hazards. Here are some signs that your oil tank may need to be replaced:

**Age of the tank:** Oil tanks have a lifespan of around 15-20 years. If your tank is approaching or has exceeded this age, it may be time to replace it.

**Visible signs of wear and tear:** Check your oil tank for any visible signs of rust, dents, or other damage. These can be indicators that the tank is beginning to deteriorate and may be at risk of developing leaks.

**Strong odors or signs of a leak:** If you notice a strong odor of oil around your tank or if you see signs of an oil spill, this is a clear indication that your tank needs to be replaced immediately.

**Inefficient heating:** If you notice that your heating system is not working as well as it used to or if you are experiencing frequent breakdowns, it could be a sign that your tank is not providing enough fuel to your heating system.



**Local regulations:** Some local regulations require homeowners to replace their oil tanks after a certain number of years. Check with your local authorities to see if there are any regulations that apply to your area.

If you notice any of these signs, it's important to have your oil tank inspected by a Hinds Energy service technician. They can assess the condition of your tank and advise you on whether it needs to be replaced. Remember, replacing your oil tank before it becomes a safety hazard is essential to protect your home, your family, and the environment.

# **INFLATION REDUCTION ACT'S \$600 OILHEAT TAX CREDIT**

Homeowners who upgrade their oilheat equipment may be eligible for a \$600 tax credit under the newly implemented Inflation Reduction Act. To qualify, the upgrade must be an oil-fired furnace or hot water boiler installed between January 1, 2023, and December 31, 2026, meeting the 2021 Energy Star® criteria of 87 annual fuel utilization efficiency (AFUE) for boilers and 85 AFUE for furnaces, and rated for use with renewable fuel blends of 20% or more by the manufacturer.



Upgrading offers several advantages, including maximum comfort, more heat for less money, and a reduced carbon footprint. Hinds Energy offers high-quality heating equipment from leading manufacturers, such as Weil-McLain, Thermo Pride, and Energy Kinetics, as well as service plans, preventive maintenance, and 24-hour emergency service. Customers not only qualify for the tax credit but also enjoy uninterrupted comfort throughout the year. For more information, call the Hinds Energy Service Division.

# **OUR COMMITMENT TO CONSERVATION**

Conservation has always been close to the heart of the Hinds family, which has been involved with dozens of conservation efforts over the years. With the recent catastrophe in East Palestine, our family has decided to contribute to several Ohio River Basin conservation efforts in addition to our usual wildlife donations. We will be launching a limited-edition conservation t-shirt and mug, from which all profits will be donated to one of several foundations of your choosing. More information regarding this program will become available on June 1st.





### HINDS MART CONVENIENCE STORES

### **Montrose (Sunoco)**

242 Church Street, Montrose, PA 18801

• Gasoline • E-Free Gasoline • Off Road Diesel •

# Susquehanna (Gulf)

1503 E. Main Street, Susquehanna, PA 18847

Gasoline • On Road Diesel • Off Road Diesel •
 Heating Oil • Propane Refills•

# Susquehanna (Valero)

239 Erie Blvd., Susquehanna, PA 18847

Gasoline • On Road Diesel • Dyed Kerosene•
 New Milford (Gulf)

519 State Route 492, New Milford, PA 18834

• Gasoline • On Road Diesel •

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