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**LIGHTHOUSE**

THE FUEL COMPANY  
fall 2015

*This year alone we've saved  
our customers over*

**\$75,000**

from MassCEC  
rebates

**\$50,000**

from Cape  
Light Compact

And we can save you up to \$3,375 on an energy efficient heating system!

If you haven't looked into the rebate program from the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center's (MassCEC) Clean Heating & Cooling program we'll give you 75,000 reasons to.

That's the amount of rebate money we've obtained for our customers since the rebates went into effect earlier this year. That puts The Fuel Company in the "top ten" of heating and cooling companies across the state when it comes to energy efficiency activity.

On top of that we've saved an additional \$50,000 for customers through the Cape Cod Light Compact's "Cool Smart" rebate program.

The MassCEC rebate program has been so successful that the Massachusetts' Department

of Energy Resources announced a five-year extension and another \$30 million to the rebate pool. Plus, they will be opening the program to commercial property, including rental units.

You could realize rebate savings up to \$3,375 when you have The Fuel Company install new ductless heat pump systems.

So what's keeping you? The Mitsubishi Ductless Heat and Cool Pumps we install are among the most energy efficient in the industry, capable of switching effortlessly from cooling mode during the humid summer months to quiet and efficient heating when temperatures drop. And, according to HowStuffWorks.com, heat pumps may save you between 30 and 40 percent or more on your utility bill. So give us a call to get your share of the rebates!

## Tips for Staying Warm This Winter

The Old Farmer's Almanac says we should expect another challenging winter, with lower than normal temperatures and higher than normal snowfall. Ugh.

But, being hardy New Englanders, we know what it takes to get through a tough winter.

Your first step should be to call the folks at Cape Light Compact (800-797-6699) to schedule a free home energy assessment. They'll recommend improvements to save you energy and money, and let you know which upgrades are subsidized by energy rebates.

Next, take action on these tips on the right from the U.S. Department of Energy:

- Replace old furnaces with fuel-efficient models or heat pump systems
- Service oil-fired heating systems annually, gas-fired heating systems every three years. It can realize an efficiency increase of 5-8%
- Clean or replace furnace filters every two months
- Invest in a "smart" wi-fi thermostat that can be set to lower temperatures when you're away
- Seal leaks around windows and doors
- Insulate walls, attics, basements and heat ducts
- Open blinds on sun-exposed windows
- Close fireplace dampers when not in use
- Ensure baseboard heaters and radiators aren't blocked by furniture, carpeting, or drapes

# Fuel Assistance Information

The Fuel Company participates in a number of local and state fuel assistance programs that help elderly and low-income homeowners. If you're concerned about affording to keep your home warm this winter, we urge you to contact one of the agencies listed below for information and financial help.

## LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

Phone: 800-632-8175

LIHEAP offers fuel assistance for low-income renters and homeowners. Eligibility is based on household gross annual income. Once you're deemed eligible, your local fuel assistance agency will notify your heating company.

## MASSACHUSETTS DEPART OF PUBLIC UTILITIES COLD RELIEF HEATLINE

Phone: 617-305-3500

The Cold Relief Heatline helps callers find out how to apply for Fuel Assistance (LIHEAP), Weatherization (WAP), and the Heating System Repair and Replacement Program (HEARTWAP). The LIHEAP application also serves as an application for WAP and HEARTWAP.

## SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL (SSCAC)

Main: 877-383-5243

Hyannis Office: 508-778-0870

The SSCAC Fuel Assistance Program provides low income households with help paying home heating bills.

## HOUSING ASSISTANCE CORPORATION

Phone: 508-771-5400

HAC conducts energy assessments for low-income homeowners and tenants. For Emergency repairs or heating replacements for homeowners.

## CAPE LIGHT COMPACT

Phone: 800-797-6699

Schedule a free, home energy assessment and receive recommendations for improvements to save you energy and money, and let you know which upgrades are subsidized by state and local rebates.

## CAPE COD TRIVIA

Which Cape Cod town has been fired upon by enemy warships in two separate wars?

*Answer will be in the next issue.*

*Answer to our last issue's trivia question...*

Q: What is the highest point on Cape Cod? How high is it?

A: Pine Hill in Bourne, at 306 feet is the tallest point of land on the Cape.



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