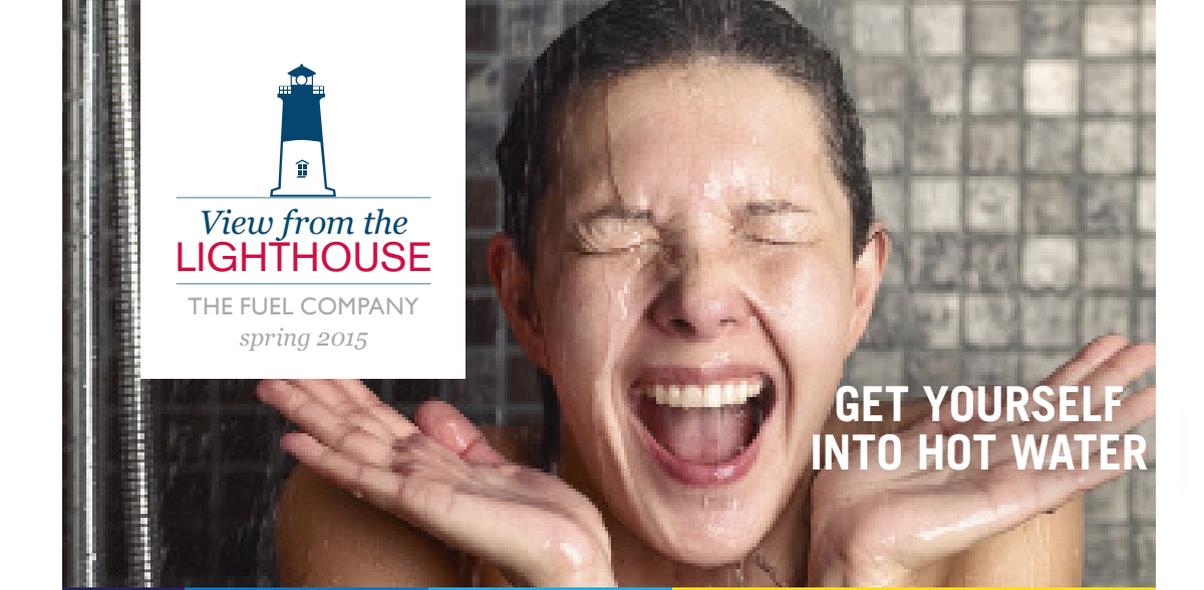




View from the  
**LIGHTHOUSE**

THE FUEL COMPANY  
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A close-up photograph of a woman in a shower, her eyes are squeezed shut and her mouth is wide open in a scream of pain or surprise, with water spraying on her face. Her hands are raised in front of her.

**GET YOURSELF  
INTO HOT WATER**

How do you heat the water used for cleaning, bathing and cooking in your home? Many on the Cape have an individually fired hot water tank, using electricity, gas or oil to heat – and reheat – the water stored inside. The problem is that individual tanks require a separate heating source from the home’s heating system.

There are more cost effective alternatives, including tankless water heaters and “indirect” hot water tanks that use your home’s heating system to heat the water.

A typical tankless system uses a coil inside your home’s boiler to heat water on an “as needed” basis. There is no need for a separate storage tank, as water is warmed as it flows through the coil. Every time a hot water tap is opened the boiler must turn on to heat all the water that is required. As a result, a tankless system is more efficient during colder months, when the home’s heating system is most likely already operating and warm.

On the other hand, an indirect hot water tank is something of a cross between the tankless system and the familiar individual tank. There is still a storage tank for hot water, but the water is heated by a fluid that is itself heated by your home’s boiler before being circulated through a coil in the storage tank. The water in the tank is available around the clock and does not require the heating system to be repeatedly fired up, reducing energy use.

In addition, an indirect hot water tank gives you the ability to adjust the temperature of your boiler during the warmer weather, allowing you to save energy and money. When used with a high-efficiency boiler and well-insulated storage tank, an indirect hot water tank can be the least expensive means of providing hot water for your home. Currently, there are attractive rebates for the indirect hot water tanks through Cape Light Compact.

If you’d like to learn more about how to produce plenty of hot water for your family, while saving energy and reducing costs, give us a call.

Rebates available.  
**800.649.3412**

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Admit it. At some point this winter you promised you'd "never again complain" about summer's hot weather. To ensure your AC system provides blessed cooling comfort, schedule a pre-season tune up. Don't find yourself sweaty and uncomfortable, saying you'll "never again complain" about the cold.

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## Ductless Condensers and 8 Feet of Snow

While nobody expected the excessive snowfall we experienced this past winter, we did learn some valuable lessons about dealing with deep drifts. One involved the external condensers used in the ductless heating and cooling systems. The historic depth of snow was enough to cover (either fully or partially) the condensers used by several of our customers, requiring the condensers to be shoveled out so they could continue to heat.

One solution is to raise the condenser off the ground, suspending it on brackets mounted to the side of the house. This should keep the condenser well clear of drifting snow, allowing it to perform without interruption. If you'd like to move your ductless condenser to a wall-mounted bracket before next winter, give us a call.

## AND THE WINNER IS...

Thanks to all of you who sent us your email addresses. We'll be able to communicate more quickly while helping the environment. As promised, we've drawn one name from all of our customers who receive e-statements. Congratulations to Susan P Green of Onset who will receive:

100 gallons of fuel, free!

## CAPE COD TRIVIA

How many lighthouses are currently operational on Cape Cod? (Not counting Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard.)

*Look for the answer in the next issue.*

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

Q: The song "Old Cape Cod" reached #7 on the music charts in 1957. Who sang it?

A: Patti Page!



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