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PERSONAL COMFORT



SPRING 2023

A Message from the President

Huge Savings are Available for Energy Efficient Upgrades!

Have you been dreaming about a new, energy-efficient home comfort system? Well, this is the year to turn your dream into a reality!

Beginning in 2023, homeowners who install qualifying Bioheat® fuel and propane equipment or a new air conditioning system could be eligible for **thousands of dollars in tax credits** under the recently enacted **Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)**. These new tax credits include up to \$600 for a qualifying propane or oil-fired furnace or boiler and up to \$2,000 for eligible heat pumps.

If you combine the money you could save on fuel and energy bills with a new HVAC system, plus the thousands available in IRA tax credits, your new heating and cooling equipment will quickly pay for itself. You will find even more savings when you use our Bioheat® fuel in your new heating system!

For more money-saving tips, read our article on page 3 about springtime energy conservation.

Whether we are delivering renewable Bioheat® fuel, propane, or marine and diesel fuels; responding to a plumbing issue; installing your new heating or cooling system or monitoring your vacation home, W.C. Esp will continue to work hard to ensure your total comfort and satisfaction.

Sincerely,

Arthur Volkmann

Arthur Volkmann / President



DON'T WAIT! REPLACE YOUR OLD HEATING OIL STORAGE TANK

Aboveground storage tanks are an important part of your home heating system, and like everything else, they need to be routinely inspected. An annual inspection from W.C. Esp will help identify problems early and extend the lifespan of your fuel storage tank.

We put together a list of things to keep an eye out for, in between W.C. Esp inspections.

- **Wet Spots** - If you notice any wet spots underneath the tank or on its surface, this is an indicator of trouble; call (631) 537-0193 to have it looked at by a professional.
- **Unstable Legs** - Unfortunately, some problems that occur with a fuel storage tank are the result of faulty installation. If the legs are uneven and the tank is not level, it will have trouble functioning at its full potential. Call us to check for any issues.
- **Rust and Dents** - Corrosion or dent marks along the exterior of the tank could be indicators of problems coming from inside the tank. Call W.C. Esp to investigate.
- **Unprotected Lines** - Just like the fuel storage tank itself, the tubing that connects the tank to your home can deteriorate. If you notice any cracks or splits in the rubber tubing, call right away.

W.C. Esp works with premier manufacturers in the country, like **Roth tanks**. Call us at (631) 537-0193 to request a free inspection of your heating oil tank or inquire about a replacement tank.



Tell the Town of East Hampton to Electrify Slowly!

The Town of East Hampton is encouraging residents to fill out a survey on their website to provide feedback around future clean energy projects and policies outlined in their Renewable Energy Roadmap released in March. Now is the time to make your voice heard and let the Town know that you want to keep using clean Bioheat® fuel as well as move forward, slowly, with electrification.



Before We Electrify Everything, Let's Think About it!

“Electrify everything” has become the go-to catchphrase for people to use in response to the growing climate crisis. What is not often discussed when this catch-all phrase is thrown around are the numerous obstacles we currently face in order to “electrify everything.”

- **Lack of infrastructure:** Our electrical grids cannot currently handle the amount of energy it would require if everyone were to switch to electric. Due to our East End location we are already more prone to blackouts in extreme weather events, this would increase that risk even further!
- **Expensive installations:** The average cost for installing electric heat pumps inside your home can range anywhere from \$18,000 to more than \$40,000 for larger homes.
- **Toxic power plant emissions:** Most power plants in the country are still powered by coal or other fossil fuels which emit more greenhouse gas emissions than your home ever could!

What About Bioheat® fuel?

W.C. Esp has never wavered in our commitment to fighting climate change, but we believe there's a better way. Our Bioheat® fuel offers immediate financial, environmental, and overall comfort benefits and requires no modifications to your existing oil-fired heating system. In fact, people across the country have begun to combine B100 Bioheat® fuel (100% biodiesel) with solar panels to create a home that produces net-zero carbon emissions. Or, in some cases, negative carbon emissions!



Let your voice be heard and tell the Town of East Hampton that while reducing greenhouse gas emissions is of the utmost importance, we see the path to a cleaner energy future with Bioheat® fuel.

Smoke Detectors Save Lives!

When was the last time you checked your smoke detector? If you think it might be time to replace them, it almost certainly is! The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommends replacing your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors every 10 years to ensure that they are working to the best of their ability. Your safety will always come first at W.C. Esp. **Please review these tips about smoke and CO detectors from the NFPA!**

- ✓ Test all of your smoke and CO alarms once a month
- ✓ Smoke alarms should be installed on ceilings or high on a wall
- ✓ Replace your batteries once a year
- ✓ If a CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location
- ✓ Every bedroom should have both alarms inside and directly outside of it
- ✓ Interconnect your smoke and CO alarms so that when one sounds, they all sound
- ✓ If you live in a larger home, you may need extra alarms

At W.C. Esp, we believe that there is no such thing as being too prepared, especially when it comes to smoke and CO detectors! Go test your alarms today and remember to dial (631) 537-0193 if you have any questions!





CLEAN, EFFICIENT, AMERICAN-MADE: PROPANE

Propane is one of the most widely used energy sources in American households. The U.S. Government first recognized it as a “clean fuel” in the Clean Air Act of 1990. When you can use propane to fuel everything from your home heating equipment, washer, dryer, water heater, kitchen stove, grill, fire pit, pool heater, and much more, it’s easy to see why propane is so popular.

The Benefits of Using Propane

- **It’s Safe:** The propane we deliver meets the stringent safety codes and regulations developed by the propane industry and the National Fire Protection Association.
- **Domestically Produced:** Most W.C. Esp propane is produced here in the United States. Local sources lower the cost for us to get the propane to your home, which translates to a less expensive product for you.
- **Low-Carbon Emissions:** As a clean fuel, propane produces fewer emissions than other fuels, lowering your carbon footprint and reducing soot and scaling in your equipment.
- **Sky-High Efficiency:** Propane furnaces are highly efficient, with efficiency ratings between 90% to 98%, which gives you more heat output from each gallon.
- **Easily Accessible:** It is safely stored in a tank on your property, available when you need it.

For more details about propane safety be sure to read our article on page 4!

Fueling your home and the appliances inside it using propane is safe, cost-effective, and energy efficient. If you have any questions about your propane equipment or would like to schedule service, contact us at www.WCEsp.com.



WE LOVE THIS PRODUCT!

Since 1979, Energy Kinetics® has been producing some of the most reliable and energy-efficient boilers on the market. Their American-made System 2000® boilers offer best-in-class efficiency and a dependable 30-year life span. Now is the time to upgrade to an Energy Kinetics System 2000 boiler. **Here’s why!**

- Reduce fuel bills by up to 40%
- Ultra-quiet operations
- Family owned, American-Made
- “World’s smartest boiler control”
- Oil, propane or gas powered
- Limited lifetime warranty

Don’t waste your time and money with outdated, inefficient equipment. Call W.C. Esp at (631) 537-0193 for help finding the perfect Energy Kinetics System 2000 boiler for your home and budget!



Springtime Conservation Tips!



Spring in New York is about as predictable as the lottery: one day you need the heat, and the next, you’re cranking up the air conditioning. During our over 85 years of service, W.C. Esp has collected a lot of tips to help our customers conserve energy for every season of the year.

Here are some ways you can save this spring!

- **Open your windows:** Avoid turning on your air conditioning and naturally cool your home by opening the windows and letting the air inside.
- **Use ceiling fans:** Cooling your home with ceiling fans instead of air conditioning will help lower your electricity bill.
- **Schedule a heating or cooling system tune-up:** Annual tune-ups and maintenance will help improve the efficiency of your heating and cooling systems.
- **Use window treatments:** Energy-efficient blinds and shades can block out sunlight and reduce heat inside your home when temperatures rise.
- **Replace weather stripping:** A tightly sealed window will help to keep the warm air outside and the cool air in.

We want you and all our customers to have a comfortable and energy-efficient spring season. For more conservation tips, give us a call at (631) 537-0193!

WE'RE PROUD TO BE A NEIF-APPROVED CONTRACTOR!

If you are interested in making energy-efficient upgrades inside your home, first of all, good for you, and secondly, you can do so with a fast, simple, and low monthly payment option offered by the National Energy Improvement Fund (NEIF). This marks an exciting new chapter for W.C. Esp in our never-ending quest to provide customers with exceptional service at an affordable price!



NEIF will finance 100% of the energy improvements you make, with a true fixed rate, and fixed monthly payments to make budgeting easier. With an easy paperless process and instant credit decisions, there are no points, fees or closing costs required. Best of all, these low monthly payments will quickly be offset by the savings from your energy improvements!

W.C. Esp is proud to assist our customers in lowering their monthly energy bills while also reducing their carbon footprint. Contact us at www.WCEsp.com to see how affordable NEIF financing will make your new, high-efficiency home comfort equipment.



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Let's Practice Propane Safety!

In addition to being one of the cleanest energy sources on the market, propane also has a remarkable safety record! That can be attributed to the advances in tank and equipment technologies and the stringent safety laws that have been put in place to reduce the chance of a leak. Flip to page 3 for more propane benefits.

While these two factors combine to make propane an extremely safe source of energy, you and your family should know and understand proper safety precautions around your propane system this summer. **Customer safety is W.C. Esp's #1 priority!**



Propane Safety Tips for Summer (and every other season!)

- 1. Schedule Repairs and Tune-Ups:** All repairs to your propane system need to be done by a certified professional. Call W.C. Esp this spring to service your equipment to make sure you have a leak-free season.
- 2. Proper Storage:** Propane tanks should always be stored outside in a dry place, on an even surface, and should have ample ventilation. They should also remain upright and secure.
- 3. Clean up Around Your Tank:** You always want to keep a clear path to your tank. Make sure there aren't any branches or bushes around or in the path to the tank.
- 4. What to do if You Smell Propane:**
 - No flames or sparks
 - Leave the area immediately
 - Shut off the gas
 - Report the leak
 - Do not return to the building or area
 - Have your system checked!

Call W.C. Esp at (631) 537-0193 to schedule a tune-up today!