



## Press Release

# The Heating Oil Industry suggests: Smart tips to save this winter

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**Montreal, September 15, 2011** – The Heating Oil Industry operates in a free competitive market as opposed to the monopolies of gas and electricity. This ensures an important advantage to the Quebec consumers from all regions as it allows access to an economical source of energy as well as dependability and quality of service. In certain cases it is complementary to electricity in bi-energy heating, in particular in times of crisis, natural disasters or highly cold spells, heating oil becomes crucial to supplement demands on Hydro's network.

### **Practical tips to save money this winter:**

1. You could reduce between 25% and 35% your heating bill, if you replace your present furnace by an "Energy Star" which has an efficiency of 85%. Replace your furnace and thermostat and save! With a new furnace, you can save 600 \$ and more!
2. Have your heating system checked and maintained regularly. Have your air filters (ducts) cleaned and replaced if necessary, this will maximize the air exchange.
3. Install a programmable thermostat which will lower your thermostat's set point at night or when during periods away from the house for a period of time.
4. Check with your distributor if you are eligible for federal, provincial subsidies when you replace your equipment by an eco-energetic oil fired heating system.

The heating oil distributors are concerned by the environment. We wish to encourage our clients to be more efficient and conscious of the environment, consequently lower their heating bill.

For more information or to contact your distributor, go to our site: [www.lemazout.org](http://www.lemazout.org)

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