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Press Release

High-Efficiency Space Heaters Offer Relief

- Newer units can increase comfort, save money this winter -

Albany, NY, November 3, 2008 – Despite a recent decline in energy prices, most homeowners will pay higher fuel prices over the coming months to heat their homes. Average full-year expenses are still projected to increase more than 20%. At the same time, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) estimates that many central heating systems are oversized by at least 20%. If a system cannot be divided into multiple zones, unused space is heated unnecessarily.

“That heat goes up your chimney or into unused space – which doesn’t keep you warm, and wastes money,” according to Robert Warner, president of the New York Propane Gas Association (NYPGA). He notes that consumers are anxious to learn about alternative ways to save on energy costs while retaining heat in priority areas around the house.

That’s why propane space heaters are becoming more popular than ever.

“Newer, high-efficiency propane space heaters can work perfectly in that situation,” Warner says. “They operate efficiently and can circulate warmed air directly in the room(s) desired, avoiding wasted heat,” he adds. Many types of direct-vent gas heaters or fireplaces can provide the same space heating benefits with additional comfort and ambiance.

You can save about 10% a year on your heating and cooling bills by turning your thermostat back 10°–15° for eight hours. Then, by installing an energy-efficient propane fired space heater, overall savings can go up to as much as 25%, while regaining some valuable comfort in the rooms where you spend most of your time.

State-of-the-art, propane-powered space heaters offer an array of technologically advanced features: electronic pilots (eliminating the use of fuel for standing pilots), variable speed fans, and direct vent installations, which can be exhausted through an exterior sidewall. The units deliver warmth that lingers lower in the room—unlike warm air systems that quickly push warm air up to the ceiling.

Practical, Economical, and Safe

New propane space heaters can be mounted on walls or suspended overhead. They are available in a wide range of heating capacities, and in some instances are more energy efficient than central heating, since they deliver heat only when and where needed.

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Propane space heaters require less maintenance and units have longer operating lives than electrical heating systems. And on a Btu basis, they cost 15-25 percent less than electrical heating systems.

Installation of a propane space heater can often be completed within a few hours, once an analysis of a home is completed and a properly sized unit is identified.

“This winter, more than any other, homeowners are going to be looking for ways to control energy costs and keep the heat where they need it,” says NYPGA’s Robert Warner. “Propane space heaters are definitely something to consider,” he added.

About the New York Propane Gas Association (NYPGA)

NYPGA is a member-focused trade organization providing services that communicate, educate, and promote the propane industry in New York. The association was formed in 1948 to offer opportunities for training and networking with peers, and to aid with legislative issues that contribute to operating a safe and successful industry.

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