

Ultra-Low Sulfur Heating Oil (ULSHO)

Q: What is ULSHO?

A: ULSHO is a type of heating oil with lower sulfur content than traditional heating oil. Traditional heating oil has anywhere from 500-4000 PPM (parts per million) and the new ULSHO will have 15 PPM, making it a cleaner and more efficient heating oil. The cleanest heating oil ever produced.

Q: Why the change?

A: Sulfur is the dirty part of oil, the black sooty part. Reducing the sulfur content of heating oil means less pollution and a positive impact on the environment and our health. Compared to traditional heating oil, ULSHO reduces nitrogen oxide emissions up to 30% and sulfur oxide and particles by 99%. The result is cleaner burning fuel, better for your heating system and the environment.

Q: Who is making the change?

A: Legislation mandates that all heating oil providers in the Dead River Company footprint make the transition as of July 1, 2018 – benefitting consumers, businesses and the environment.

Q: Will the price per gallon increase?

A: According to Clean Oil Heat NH “while the base price for ULSHO can be higher than traditional heating oil, the price difference is offset by the perks of increased efficiency, greater longevity, and the lack of necessary upgrades needed to accommodate the fuel.”

Q: Is my current heating system compatible with ULSHO?

A: Yes! There is no need to purchase and install new heating equipment or find a new energy provider in order to use the new ULSHO. All fuel companies are transitioning to ULSHO beginning July 1, 2018.

Q: How does this affect me?

A: This is a positive change for New England and the environment. Aside from better heating system performance, fewer equipment issues and lower maintenance costs for homeowners – most heating oil customers won't notice any difference.

Q: Does this impact kerosene users?

A: Yes, Kerosene will also have a much lower sulfur content and be a cleaner burning fuel.