



Political Climate in MA

- 2008 Global Warming Solutions Act
- 2008 Green Communities Act
- Baker Executive Order September 2016

Resulting in:

- Comprehensive Energy Plan 2018
- Energy Efficiency Advisory Council 3-Year Plan
- Sweeping Changes to Mass Save Program



"High Electrification" and "Aggressive Conservation & Fuel Switching"

MA Comprehensive Energy Plan

"Biofuels – Assist in the Transition to Cleaner Heating" MA Comprehensive Energy Plan

"Fuel Switching – Priority" for Utilities Using MassSave Program 2019 EEAC 3-Year Plan

Where do we go from here?

"You need an ambitious plan of your own before you are electrified out of business."

Patrick Woodcock, Energy & Environmental Affairs, Commonwealth of MA

Further Challenges on Beacon Hill

- Senate 1817 Combat Climate Change
- House 2370 Reduce Carbon Emissions
- Senate 975, House 1861 and House 2835 – Heating Oil Releases & Insurance
- Senate 157 Gas Fitting





Columbia Gas Incident -- Game Changing Event

Impact of Biodiesel Media Coverage

- Created negative impression of industry, BIOHEAT & the APS Program
- Modifications to delivery tickets is forthcoming
- Stepped-up enforcement by MA Division of Standards

Draft Delivery Ticket Language For retail heating oil companies that do not participate in the MA APS program:

"Under ASTM specification D396, heating oil grades #1 and #2 may contain up to 5% biodiesel in every gallon." For retail heating oil companies participating in the MA APS program:

"To comply with the requirements of Massachusetts regulation 225 CMR 16:00 – Alternative Portfolio Standard, heating oil may contain a maximum blend of ____% eligible liquid biofuel in every gallon."



2019 Programs

- 10 Year Reauthorization
- 25% Escrow of Funds
- Industry Training, Technician Outreach & Recruitment
- Realtors vs. Home Inspectors
- Advertising Campaign



- MEMA's rebate program continues to be the largest and most impactful effort among the 22 NORA states.
- The strategy adopted by MEMA has borne fruit since the program's launch:



Rebates By the Numbers

- 2,730 rebates provided since 2017
- 1,414 tank rebates
- 1,316 equipment rebates
- **110 dealers** have submitted for a rebate



• 56 dealers have submitted for at least 10 rebates



Customer Engagement By the Numbers

- **28,000+ visitors** to DiscoverHeatingOilMass.com in the last year
- **45,000+ visitors** since the website's launch in 2017
- 7,700+ followers
 on the "Love my Oilheat
 Massachusetts" Facebook Page





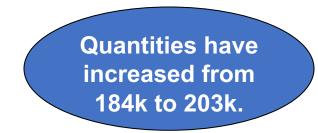
2019 Program

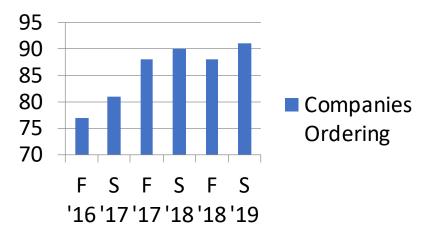
- Program will launch April 1st
- Rebate amounts will be reset to 2017 levels of \$200 for a tank and \$300 for a system, for a maximum of \$500 per household
- Website and customer communications will continue at the same level
- Rebate application process will remain the same



Efficiency Matters By the Numbers

- 203,500 copies distributed
- 91 companies participating





Companies Ordering

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Thank you for the support. Questions?

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