

# Propane Living

## Lower Your Annual Heating Costs Up to 10% with a Propane Furnace



Propane furnaces deliver consistent temperatures throughout the heating season, regardless of the weather outside.

A propane furnace is perfect for eliminating those cold pockets in your home. The heated air leaves the furnace at temperatures typically near 120 degrees Fahrenheit, significantly warmer than the delivery temperatures offered by electric heat pumps. It will heat air to a higher initial temperature, getting to your desired temperature faster, and maintaining it more effectively.

Propane heats with incredible efficiency, with ratings from 90 to 98 percent, and will provide comfortable, even, and consistent heat during even the coldest weather.

Propane furnaces can help homeowners lower annual energy costs.

Propane furnace rebates are available, turn to **Page 3** for more information.

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## Put Your Comfort on Automatic



If you are not already a “keep full” / “automatic” account, give your propane provider a call today to get refilled before cold weather arrives.

Many propane customers like the convenience of getting their fuel delivered automatically without the need to call every time their tank gets low.

But, if, for some reason, you prefer to call in your order each time, please be aware:

- There is a gap between when you place your order, and the time your propane company can deliver it. This is necessary because a “will-call” delivery has to be scheduled into carefully planned routes.
- When you call for your fuel, you take on the responsibility for monitoring your tank level at regular intervals.
- There is always the possibility of running out. When we experience bouts of cold temperatures, people burn more fuel than usual. You would be surprised at how often people run out of propane when this happens.
- If you run out, your propane company is required to do a mandatory leak test.

We all lead busy lives. Why not take one worry away and let us watch your tank for you by switching to keep full?



## Clear a Path

Ensure the propane delivery can access your propane tank. Trim low overhanging branches and make sure the path to your tank is accessible.

# Spiced Pumpkin Cupcakes



Perfect for fall celebrations, bake sales or afterschool snacks, these pumpkin cupcakes are crowned with a cream cheese frosting that has a hint of spice.

**PREP TIME** 15m • **COOK TIME** 20m • **24 SERVINGS** • **14 INGREDIENTS**

### Ingredients

#### **Spiced Pumpkin Cupcakes**

- 1 package (2-layer size) yellow cake mix
- 1 package (4-serving size) vanilla instant pudding mix
- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- 1/2 cup oil
- 1/2 cup water
- 3 eggs
- 1 1/2 teaspoons McCormick® Ground Cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon McCormick® Ground Cloves
- 1 teaspoon McCormick® All Natural Pure Vanilla Extract

#### **Spiced Cream Cheese Frosting**

- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter, softened
- 1 teaspoon McCormick® All Natural Pure Vanilla Extract
- 1 box (16 ounces) confectioners' sugar

### Instructions

- 1 Preheat oven to 350°F. For the Cupcakes, beat all ingredients, except Spiced Cream Cheese Frosting, in large bowl with electric mixer on low speed just until moistened, scraping side of bowl frequently. Beat on medium speed 2 minutes or until well blended.
- 2 Spoon batter into 24 lightly greased or paper-lined muffin cups, filling each cup 2/3 full.
- 3 Bake 20 minutes or until toothpick inserted into cupcake comes out clean. Cool in pans on wire rack 10 minutes. Remove from pans; cool completely.
- 4 For the Frosting, beat cream cheese, butter, vanilla, and cloves in large bowl until light and fluffy. Gradually beat in confectioners' sugar until smooth. Frost cooled cupcakes with Frosting.

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# Is It Time for a Heating Upgrade?



**Winter is just around the corner.**

**Start Here.** So how do you know when furnace replacement is in order? Since your furnace was probably in place when you moved in, the first thing to do is find out the age of your unit. This may be as simple as looking at the original owner's manual or calling the manufacturer with the unit's model number, but with individual cases, some additional sleuthing may be required.

**Average Lifespan.** Today's models operate reliably for 20 to 30 years. If your unit is more than 15 years old, it's not a bad idea to begin considering furnace replacement options.

**Telltale Signs.** Age aside, there are some obvious (and some more subtle) indications that it may be time for furnace replacement:

- If your furnace needs frequent repairs.
- If your energy bills are going up despite usage staying the same.
- If the rooms in your house are heating unevenly, with some rooms hotter or colder than others.
- If your furnace is cycling on and off more frequently than in the past.
- If your home is starting to have humidity problems.
- If your furnace becomes excessively noisy or develops rattles, buzzes, or hums.
- If your furnace starts putting out excessive dust, soot, dirt, or rust particles.
- If you see visible signs of rust in and around your furnace, or if any of the components show cracks or corrosion.



**Pros Know.** If your furnace is exhibiting any of these "warning signs," call in an HVAC professional to inspect the unit. A simple repair may be able to solve your problem; in other cases, changing the filter or adding a new thermostat will do the trick.

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## Propane Appliance Rebates



**Upgrade to a new propane furnace get \$300**

The Propane Council of Texas is offering propane appliance rebates for the new qualifying propane appliances installed after April 1, 2021, at a home or business in Texas.

**Appliance Rebate Amounts are as follows:**

- \$300** for new propane furnace or boiler
- \$300** for new propane water heater
- \$600** rebate cap per Texas household or Texas business

*A proof of purchase and safety inspection from your propane provider are required.*

Rebate application must be received within 30 days of propane safety inspection.

The Council does not accept rebate applications directly from the public. A Texas licensed propane provider must submit application on the customer's behalf through our secure rebate portal only accessible to propane providers.

The rebate payment will be sent directly to the end-user, the propane customer. Rebates cannot be reassigned to the propane provider.

Check fund availability and learn more at **[www.txsavewithpropane.com](http://www.txsavewithpropane.com)**.

**Questions?** Email **[rebates@propanecounciloftexas.org](mailto:rebates@propanecounciloftexas.org)** or contact your propane provider.

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PROPANE FURNACE REBATES



PUMPKIN SPICE CUPCAKE RECIPE

