



**October 4th  
2016 Update**

# READY TO DELIVER PROPANE late OCTOBER 2016!

THE INTER ISLAND PROPANE AND MECHANICAL CREW AFTER PASSING SAFTEY CLASSES

By Donny Galt

Wow it has been a lot of work, but we did it! Thanks to a Community of support, our trucks are here, our storage facility is almost done, and our local, state and federal requirements have been met! We expect our large Storage Tank to arrive in the next couple weeks. Here are some answers to some of the most common questions?

**Q:** What is your price per gallon?

**A:** Because propane is a commodity that is refined from other commodities and is traded on a worldwide market, our propane prices can fluctuate greatly depending on unforeseen economic, political, climate and other local factors (Barge fees, employee and vehicle costs, operation costs, insurance costs, regulatory fees etc.) However, in simple terms: We are here to help provide the residents of San Juan County with the most COMPETITIVE pricing to keep living in the San Juan's sustainable.

Larger quantities will receive better price breaks. Call our office for pricing.

**Q:** We want to switch to Inter Island Propane, what do we need to do?

**A:** Well, it starts with-Do you own or lease your propane gas tank?

If you own your propane tank, switching to us will be easy. Just cancel service from your current company and give us a call. If you lease your tank from the propane

company, and want to switch it's going to be a little more difficult, but you have options. When you lease your tank, you can only have the company that owns it service your propane. So depending on how the propane company deals with it, here is what you might encounter. Change out your leased tank and get a new one from us – Contact your existing company and tell them you want to cancel service. Call us and we can get you pricing on a new or leased tank. When your tank is



removed, you will want to schedule Inter Island Propane to install your new propane tank the same day to avoid interruptions. While switching above ground propane tanks is fairly simple, switching propane companies when you have a leased underground propane tank can be a nightmare! Your only option is to purchase the tank. You need to talk with your existing company about early termination fees if you are currently leasing an above or underground tank. Call our office if you need new tank pricing, lease information and or assistance with the process.

If you need assistance, feel free to contact our office and we can help you with the process.

**Q:** What are the early termination costs for switching propane companies?

**A:** As we don't know what your current contract states, we will bet you will probably have to shell out a little extra to have them cancel your contract. If you have not signed a contract you might be in luck!

There may be other fees if you have propane in your tank. This may include a propane tank pump-out fee (tanks can't be moved if they're above 5% capacity), tank pick up fees, and maybe a close out fee. You will need to discuss this with your current company

**Q:** Where will your office be located?

**A:** Our office is located across the street from the Town of Friday Harbor Water Tower. 815A Spring Street, Unit 1. Look for our new signs coming soon!

**Q:** Will you be offering service as well?

**A:** YES!

Jimmie Lawson "Jims Heating" is bringing his years of knowledge and his HVAC technicians into our company so we can offer Full HVAC installation and repair. Also offering annual tune ups and Maintenance plans



### We are Proud to Present our New Driver Molly Finch!

Jimmie Lawson and I could not be more proud to have such an awesome person on board! Here is Molly pumping our first gallon of propane as we test out our new trucks!

# We are almost ready to go!

Jimmie and I are both very excited to bring the San Juan Islands a new competitive option for propane sales and service.

We are almost ready to go! We are working as fast and as safe as we can to have our facility up and running by late October-Early November. We would like to say THANK YOU! again for all of the support we have received from everyone! If you would like more information about switching to Inter Island Propane please fill out our quick Survey below, or call our office at 360-378-1020



STAY IN TOUCH WITH OUR PROGRESS!



[WWW.INTERISLANDPROPANE.COM](http://WWW.INTERISLANDPROPANE.COM)



*New Propane Tanks arriving at our plant*



*Our new trucks ready to go!*



*New concrete slab for our new storage tank- Tommy Lawson Construction*

# Preparing for Winter

By: Jimmie Lawson

Here's a few easy things you can do yourself to make sure your home's heating system is operational and save money in the process:

## 1. CHECK FURNACE FILTER

A dirty furnace filter minimizes the air flow that your heating system needs to operate efficiently. Check the furnace filters every month and regularly replace them (every 30-90 days). Checking less frequently may be an option depending on what type of furnace filter you have. Need help picking out the right filter? Just give us a call.

If you need to change your furnace filter in between annual furnace cleanings, try to stock up on furnace filters during the off season to save money.

## 2. KEEP FURNACE AREA CLEAN

Remove items stored close to the furnace or boiler, particularly anything that is likely to catch fire. Also, move any items blocking your air duct registers or vents. Proper airflow is imperative to ensuring your home maintains a comfortable temperature and your heating equipment isn't working harder than it has to. Plus, decluttering just makes you feel better!

## 3. CHECK CARBON MONOXIDE AND SMOKE ALARMS

Winter means we close up the door and windows for months to come. There's no more important time to ensure your home is free of carbon monoxide and all of your smoke alarms are operational. Regardless of the type of heating system you have or which local HVAC company you hire, this should be a standard checkpoint included in your annual furnace maintenance visit.

## 4. FLUSH HOT WATER TANK

Flush your hot water heater tank to remove sediment, and check the pressure relief valve to make sure it's in proper working order. Doing these things will reduce your chances of a hot water failure while keeping energy bills down. Check your venting on your propane water heater for leaks.

## 5. CHECK FOR LEAKS

Take a look around at your air ducts. Do you notice any holes, leaks, or loose joints? If so, contact us right away for repairs or ductwork replacement services. These leaks can easily be sealed or ductwork replaced to avoid your hot air from escaping.

In addition to these DIY maintenance tips, the best option to keep your family safe and your furnace performing at optimal levels is to have our Inter Island Propane and Mechanical professionals out for a furnace maintenance inspection.

## 6. SWITCH FAN DIRECTION

This tip is not related to your home heating system, but we are always looking for easy ways to save our customers money – we think this one is really helpful: Switch ceiling fans to the reverse or clockwise position, so they blow warm air down to the floor instead of sucking it upward away from you. It seems like a solution too simple to be overly effective; but you wouldn't believe the difference.

## 7. RUN A SOUND CHECK

Turn your unit on, and check for unusual sounds, like banging or rattling.

## 8. LOOK FOR MOISTURE

Check for moisture on windows, or rust or dirt accumulations on the vent pipe. This can indicate improper operation.



Contact our HVAC team to schedule a home furnace or boiler inspection now by going to [www.interislandpropane.com](http://www.interislandpropane.com) or calling 360-378-1020

## CHECK YOUR FILTERS!



CHECK YOUR FURNACE FILTERS- Proper sizing is critical. Give us a call if you need help with sizing. Dirty filters can cause your system to work harder, resulting in lower efficiency.

## RUN A SOUND CHECK!



Turn on our unit and check for unusual sounds. Rattling or banging are signs of a problem. Contact one of our HVAC team members for an inspection.