



Midwest and Northeast propane prices much higher this winter than last year

Households that heat with propane will pay for that propane at prices averaging 39 percent higher in the Midwest and 14 percent higher in the Northeast this winter compared with last winter.....as much colder temperatures this winter boosts heating fuel demand.

Midwest residential propane is expected to average \$2.41 per gallon over the winter, while propane in the Northeast will average \$3.43 per gallon, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration's revised monthly forecast.

The Midwest has the largest share of households that rely on propane as their primary heating source.

Record-low Midwest propane inventories in January...along with consistently cold weather...pushed propane prices in the region above \$4 a gallon late last month. Prices have fallen since then.

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