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“Due to these upgrades, we no longer worry about antiquated equipment failing during the cold winter months”
Sal Gilbertie, proprietor of Gilbertie’s Herb Gardens

Organic farm raises the bar on responsible practices

A certified organic farm known for its herbs, vegetables and petite edible microgreens, Gilbertie’s Herb Gardens believes in conservation, composting and recycling as responsible business practices. A third generation family farm in Easton, CT, Gilbertie’s also recognizes that making energy upgrades is important to operations, particularly with aging furnaces and lighting that were inefficient and unreliable. Opportunities through Energize Connecticut’s Small Business Energy Advantage Program helped make otherwise cost-prohibitive upgrades a reality for Gilbertie’s.

Twelve oil-fired furnaces were replaced with natural gas furnaces to provide an affordable, clean, and convenient heating solution to help keep greenhouse temperatures constant. Updated lighting systems meant an increase in growth, which means more product for customers.

The updates will garner Gilbertie’s an annual savings of approximately \$27,284. With Energize CT support and federal grant funding through the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP), Gilbertie’s secured \$125,260 in incentive payments to help fund improvements.

- Project:** Gilbertie’s Herb Gardens
- Measures:** Converting 12 oil-fired furnaces to natural gas furnaces, energy-efficient lighting upgrades
- Total Incentives:** **\$125,260**
- Energy Savings:** **41,184 kWh** electricity/year
7,088 ccf natural gas/year
- Cost Savings:** **\$27,284** annually



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