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Secure Heating Oil Tanks In Case of Flood

The Department of Environmental Conservation is encouraging property owners near streams and rivers to be prepared in case of flooding.

Secure or relocate small fuel containers, tanks or barrels so they don't float away. Above ground heating oil tanks, including propane tanks may shift or fall causing fuel lines to kink, weaken, or break.

Secure fuel and propane tanks to the ground or building and write your name on them so they can be returned to you after the flood.

If flooding is imminent, close fuel valves and secure or plug the vent lines. If you have a buried tank, block the vent and fill pipes to prevent water from contaminating the fuel.

If you have questions on the integrity of your tank, fuel lines, stand, the fuel itself, or returning the tank to service, contact your fuel supplier.

Should flooding cause a fuel oil, or other hazardous substance spill, report the release to DEC at 451-2121, or call 800-478-9300 after hours.

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