

OIL IS EXPENSIVE! \$\$

INSPECT YOUR HEATING OIL TANK FOR THESE COMMON PROBLEMS AND SAVE MONEY TOO!



Common tank problem—leaking at a bottom seam. Loss totaled 275 gallons from this two tank system.



Pressure return line on this tank was cracked and leaked for two months before discovery. Amount of fuel lost is unknown.



Electrolysis can damage underground fuel lines. Pressure return lines can leak undetected for years!



Fuel filter inside a bucket; bucket filled with water, froze and damaged the filter and threads on pipe. 50 gallons lost in four days



Partially buried tank developed a leak and spilled 675 gallons to land and into the ocean!

Above ground tanks!

- Don't let the tank sit on or in the ground or where it is in water.
- Put the tank on a good stand and it will last longer.
- Replace your tank if it is rusting or there are wet spots on the tank!
- Prime and paint new tanks, they'll last longer.
- Make sure the tank is on a solid foundation and protected from falling ice or tree limbs.
- Does everything work on the tank? Whistles, gauges etc.
- Check for oil stains on the ground.
- Check fuel lines to make sure they're not damaged or leaking.

There are things you can do to protect your tank, save the environment and keep money in your pocket. Review these check lists for things you can do to keep the oil in the tank.

Or visit the ADEC web site at: <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/perp/hho.htm>.

Underground tanks!

- Check the tank for water or ask your fuel dealer to do it.
- Is the grass down slope from the tank dead or dying? A leaking tank could be the reason!
- Sheens in ditches, streams and wetlands can be the signs of a leaking tank!
- Furnace acting up? Have the fuel lines and tank checked!
- Is there an odor of diesel around or in your house? It could be from the tank!
- Think the tank is leaking? Call your heating contractor or ADEC for technical help!
- If your underground tank is more than 15 years old it may be time to replace it with an above ground tank.



For more information!!!

Visit our website at:

<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/perp/hho.htm>

Or contact the nearest ADEC Spill Response Office.

A fully loaded drum weighs about 350 pounds and can injure someone if it falls!



INDOOR TANKS

Tank inside the basement? Make sure the vent whistle is working!

Check for odors or oil in basement drains!

To report oil spills call:

**The Alaska Department of
Environmental Conservation
at:**

Juneau: 465-5340

Anchorage: 269-3063

Fairbanks: 451-2121

After hours and weekends :

1-800-478-9300

**Pollution incidents to navigable waters
must also be reported to the
U. S. Coast Guard at the
National Response Center**

1-800-424-8802

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