

Check Your Heating Fuel Tank

If you own the heating tank or the fuel in the tank, it is your job to make sure the tank is properly maintained. The owner of the fuel is legally responsible for any contamination that fuel may cause.

Tips for Checking Your Tank

- Fuel tanks are more likely to fall over in the spring than at any other time of the year. Make sure your tank is off the ground and securely supported by a rigid, noncombustible stand. This also helps prevent rusting.
- Tanks can sometimes be overfilled. Make sure the vent pipes are clean and working properly or install a vent whistle so the fuel delivery person will know that the tank is full.
- The tank must be inspected and the pipes, valves and connections should be checked regularly. Remove or lock any unnecessary valves.
- Never let water accumulate in the tank. This can cause rusting or freezing and lead to cracks in the tank or piping. Have a qualified plumber install a water drainage pipe, which should be drained every fall. Tip the tank forward slightly to aid water drainage.

Legal Responsibility

Under the *Environmental Protection Act*, you are responsible for reporting the spill, cleaning up any contamination and notifying anyone who might be affected. Failure to do so can result in legal action.

24-Hour Spill Report Line

Report all spills by calling **867-920-8130**. Collect calls accepted.

For more information on Spill Reporting and Cleanup, contact your local Environment and Natural Resources Office.

Fuel spills can cause damage to homes, property, people and the environment.