

Signs of A Spill

- ◆ Keep track of your fuel consumption. Dramatic increases in fuel consumption may indicate your tank or fuel line is leaking.
- ◆ If you have a fuel gauge or an overfill alarm, make sure they are functioning properly.
- ◆ Check for fuel stains around the fill or vent pipes.
- ◆ Check around the tank for visible signs of a spill such as, sheens on water surfaces, puddles of oil and unexplained dead vegetation.
- ◆ Check for an odor of diesel around the tank, in your house or in your crawlspace. It could be from a leaking fuel tank.

What to Do in Case of a Spill

- 1) Try and identify the source of the spill or leak.
- 2) Stop or contain the spill to the best of your abilities. (This may mean calling your fuel provider and having the tank emptied.)
- 3) Report the spill to your local ADEC office.

For more information on
heating oil systems visit:

[https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/
prevention-preparedness/hho-tanks/](https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/prevention-preparedness/hho-tanks/)

ADEC Response Line
1-800-478-9300
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Aboveground Heating Oil Tank Inspection Guide



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Inspect Your Tank ... Correct the Problems & Save Money!



Replace your tank if it is rusting or if the tank appears damp! Painting tanks with a rust inhibitor paint will prolong the life of your tank.



Check for ice, snow or tree limbs that can fall on your tank or fuel lines. Photo shows a tank at risk of ice and snow falling on it during the winter.



Check your tank for water! Water can corrode a tank from the inside out or cause the fuel filter to crack during cold weather. (Photo)



Check for tank stability. Legs for tanks should be resting upon a solid foundation. The bottom of the tank should be off the ground and clear of debris.



Check fuel lines to make sure they are not damaged or leaking. Pay close attention to connections or joints which can fail.



Check the tank vent for any obstructions like snow, ice, insects or spiders.