

Tips for maintaining your Home Heating System:

Prevent Leaks and Spills

Whether it is your car, home, or Heating system, regular maintenance is the key to preventing problems.

Cleaning up oil leaks from home heating systems can be expensive. The average cost can range between \$ 20,000 and \$ 50,000, with some cleanups costing significantly more. Here are ways to save money, help prevent leaks and spills, and protect the environment.

Annually:

- **Visually inspect tank, piping, and fuel delivery line. If a leak is detected, please call us.**

Have your furnace technician:

- **Clean the furnace and repair or replace damaged parts. A well-maintained furnace means lower fuel bills and cleaner emissions.**

Each Fall: inspect the vent pipe to ensure that it is free of obstructions and that an audible signal (whistle) is on the vent. Our delivery driver listens for the whistle to help avoid overfills.

When appropriate:

- **Remove abandoned fill and vent pipes immediately.**
- **Clearly mark the location of the tank's fill pipe.**

- **Install an oil safety valve or replace the fuel delivery line with one encased in a protective sleeve. These are inexpensive upgrades.**

The older the heating system, the more vulnerability to failure. Consider upgrading to a modern, fuel-efficient system.

FUEL DELIVERY LINES

As our valued customer, we would like to make you aware of a potential problem that could occur with an unprotected fuel delivery line. These unprotected fuel delivery lines are made of copper and if in contact with concrete or below ground, may deteriorate, resulting in a line leak. In the event of such a leak, oil could be released, causing environmental damage that will require a costly cleanup.

To avoid this exposure, both financially and personally, we suggest that you have your fuel lines inspected and replaced with a sleeved line.

SEASONAL-UNOCCUPIED HOMES

No matter how you heat your home, maintaining your heat to a certain level is critical. Freeze-ups in an occupied/empty or unoccupied dwelling or home can cause expensive losses. Water from broken pipes can flood a house in a matter of hours causing structural damage to the house and loss of personal property.

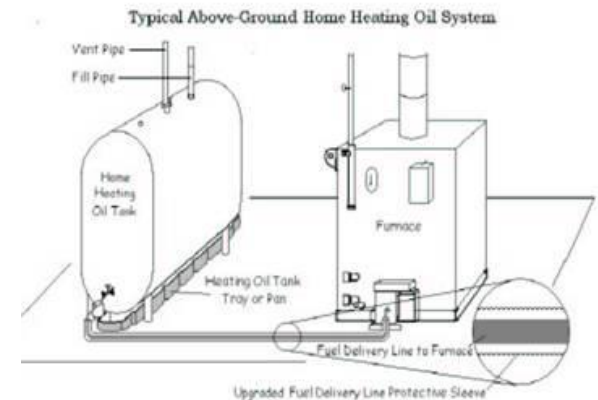
It is your responsibility to protect your home and property against damage arising from a drop in or loss of heat. This scenario can result in frozen pipes and water damage.

COMPREHENSIVE INSPECTION REPORTS:

As per Ontario Regulation 213/01, Fuel Oil, fuel oil distributors must be satisfied that all fuel oil related equipment to which we supply fuel oil is compliant with the requirements in the regulation.

All installations must be inspected at least once every ten years by a certified technician registered with TSSA – this includes residential dwellings, hospitals, industrial facilities, farms and greenhouse operations.

We require a copy of this inspection report for our files.



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