

# Spills Spoil

Protect our aquifer by keeping oil and hazardous waste off the ground

Keep this checklist handy to maintain and inspect your fuel tank annually

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- Look for nearby hazards: can the tank be affected by moving cars and equipment; falling snow, ice, and trees; children playing, passersby?**

*Consider containing or protecting the tank and fuel lines. Remind children not to play near the tank.*

- Look for drips or ground staining**

*If you have a leak, contact an environmental services company and a certified oil burner mechanic.*

- Can you smell fuel?**

*Contact an environmental services company and a certified oil burner mechanic. Ideally, check for odour after every delivery. Spills can occur during fill up.*

- Check for bent, pinched, or exposed fuel lines**

*Contact a certified oil burner mechanic. Protect fuel lines from damage.*

- Keep lines clear of snow, ice, & falling branches**

*Shield your fuel lines from snow. Remove low-hanging branches and icicles that might break or dump snow.*

- Check fittings for cross-threading**

*Contact a certified oil burner mechanic.*

- Is the fuel gauge cracked?**

*Contact a certified oil burner mechanic.*

- Keep your tank full, but don't overfill**

*Sign up for monthly delivery. Keeping your tank full will reduce condensation inside the tank.*

- Check for corrosion at the bottom of the tank.**

**Corrosion happens from the inside out, and is hard to detect. If there is a dark line, don't touch it: you might make a hole.**

*A leak might be imminent. Contact a certified oil burner mechanic and an environmental services company immediately. See [Whitehorse.ca/oiltank](http://Whitehorse.ca/oiltank).*

- Check for water in your tank using a dipping stick and a line of water detecting paste.**

*If water is detected, consult [Whitehorse.ca/oiltank](http://Whitehorse.ca/oiltank) for information on removing it. Also contact your fuel supplier for a fuel additive. An oil tank with water will likely need replacing.*

- Is the oil tank on a single non-combustible base, bolted down, with cross-bracing?**

*A full fuel tank can weigh over a tonne. An earthquake or ground settling can cause tanks to fall over. Contact a certified oil burner mechanic about replacing your tank, or upgrading to current code.*