



Heating Oil Tanks Self-Inspection Checklist

To greatly reduce the risk of accidental oil release from your heating oil tank or piping, regular inspections of your fuel oil system by a licensed TSSA professional are highly recommended. In addition to those inspections, all property owners should conduct regular visual inspections of their heating oil system. Below you will find a number of items which can be quickly inspected visually to determine if your fuel oil heating system is at risk.

If you answer “No” to any of the items on the chart below, you should contact your fuel oil distributor or heating service company for further inspection.

Upon inspection of the tank, are all parts of the system free of any immediate leaks or drips?	Yes	No
Is the tank and/or supports free of significant surface rust and corrosion?	Yes	No
Is the tank completely above the ground and at least 4 inches from any surface on all sides?	Yes	No
Is the tank set on a solid base or concrete pad?	Yes	No
Does the tank and/or supports appear to be stable with no indications of movement (settlement)?	Yes	No
Are the tank legs installed with floor flanges or another type of “feet”?	Yes	No
If outdoors, is the tank on the gable end of the building or otherwise protected from roof ice and snow damage?	Yes	No
If outdoors, is the filter covered or otherwise adequately protected?	Yes	No
Is the supply line continuously plastic-coated copper from the tank to the furnace with no unions or connections?	Yes	No
Does the tank have a working sight gauge and vent whistle? (An audible device to warn the oil delivery person that the tank is full.)	Yes	No
Are both the fill and vent lines fitted with proper caps?	Yes	No
Has a licensed TSSA service technician inspected the tank in the last 12 months?	Yes	No

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