

Your Home – Your Oil Tank



TANK SAFE

Maintaining your oil tank

Conduct a visual check every six months for the following:

- Rust
- Cracks
- Splits
- Bulging
- Sun bleaching
- Subsidence on the base
- Gauges falling over or not working
- Tanks overgrown with foliage
- Unusual oil smell
- Sudden usage increase



Position of your oil tank

- Adhere to building regulations.
- Minimum of 1.8m from building openings obtain specialist advice if not.
- Place on a level base 300mm bigger in all directions than the tank & on either a 100mm thick concrete slab or minimum 50mm thick paving slabs.
- The foundation should be appropriate for the ground conditions.
- Allow space to get around your tank for regular checks & for the oil distributor to safely fill the tank.



Replacing your oil tank

Oil tanks have a design life of 20 years. It is best practice to replace older tanks to avoid any tank failure.

- Ideally buy a bunded tank for extra storage security.
- Install according to building regulations & professional installer.
- Empty & remove your old tank using a licensed waste carrier.
- Remove any redundant fill pipework or securely cap and mark the old pipework with 'DO NOT FILL'.

Carry out annual servicing

A tank inspection by an OFTEC registered technician should be performed annually.

They should check:

- Pipework
- Integral bund
- Gauges
- Valves
- Oil Filters



House Insurance

Ensure your house insurance covers your oil tank & covers for loss of oil to the environment.

Oil tank leaks

If you spot a leak put a bucket to capture any leaks & call the **National Pollution Incident hotline**. **England, Scotland & Northern Ireland - 0800 80 70 60. Wales - 0300 065 3000**
The lines are open 24/7.

Further Advice

If you want advice on the replacement, installation & maintenance of your oil tank, contact an OFTEC-registered technician or your local UKIFDA fuel supplier who will be able to help you .

UKIFDA has further advice on its website about maintaining your oil tank.
www.ukifda.org