



## **5 Quick and Easy Steps to Prevent Spills and Releases From Your Aboveground Heating Oil Tank**

As another heating oil season begins, do you know how to prevent potential spills and releases from your aboveground oil tank? 5 quick and easy tips that could save you from costly disasters at your home or business.

### **Service, Locate, Inspect, Contain, Keep records**

1. Keep up with regular service and maintenance visits with your HVAC technician.
2. Make sure your house number is clearly visible from the street and mark the location of your fill port. Always remove fill ports for abandoned tanks.
3. Inspect the condition of the tank looking for signs of rust, corrosion, pitting, or holes. Inspect the vent line for debris such as leaf litter, ice, and dirt. There should be an audible whistle on the pipe.
4. Consider installing a secondary containment structure and overfill prevention device.
5. Keep records of delivery receipts, volumes, and dates. Abnormally high volumes of oil consumption could mean there is a leak in the system.

