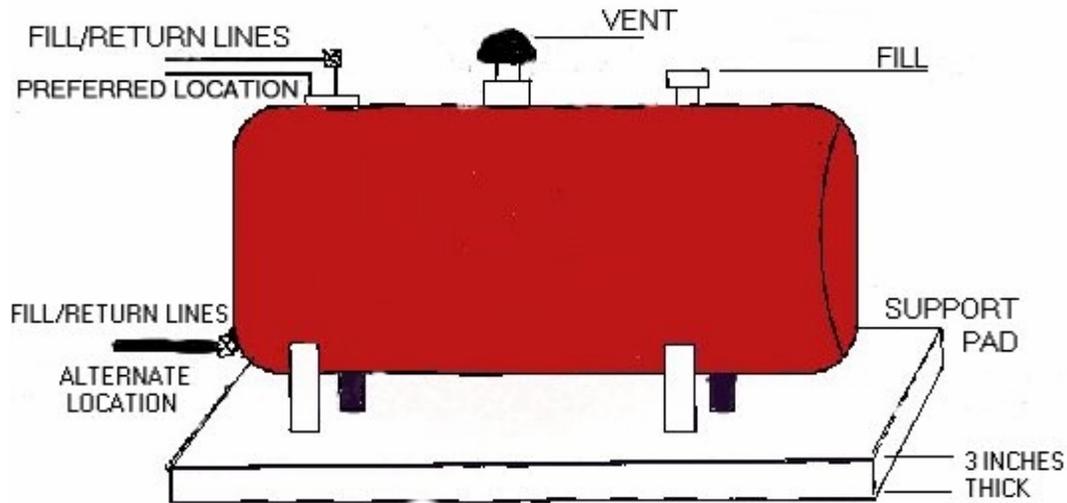


## TYPICAL HOME HEATING OIL TANK



### TANK INSPECTION

- ◆ LEGS UNSTABLE OR RUSTED THROUGH
- ◆ FOUNDATION CRACKED, FROST HEAVES, OTHER
- ◆ RUSTING OR WET SPOTS ON TANK, EXCESSIVE DENTS
- ◆ OIL STAINS AROUND FILTER, GAUGES OR VALVES
- ◆ STAINS AT THE FILL OR
- VENT PIPE OR AT THE EDGES OF THE TANK
- ◆ FUEL GAUGE STUCK, CRACKED, FROZEN
- ◆ TANK VENT CLOGGED OR RESTRICTED DUE TO ICE, SNOW, INSECTS
- ◆ OVERFILL WHISTLE WORKING (CHECK WITH DELIVERY PERSONNEL)
- ◆ FITTINGS OR FILTERS

### EXTERNAL DANGERS

- ICE, SNOW OR TREE LIMBS CAN FALL ON THE TANK OR FUEL LINES
- ARE FUEL LINES EXPOSED TO DAMAGE BY ANIMALS, CHILDREN, OTHER HAZARDS
- THE TANK RESTS ON THE GROUND OR SITS IN WATER; CAN LEAD TO PREMATURE FAILURE OF THE TANK

### OTHER PROBLEMS

- OIL STAINS ON THE GROUND. IS THE TANK LEAKING OR IS IT BEING OVERFILLED?
- FILL AND RETURN LINES HAVE JOINTS IN THEM-JOINTS CAN LEAK.
- UNDERGROUND LINES NOT IN LIQUID TIGHT CONDUITS.

# UNDERGROUND TANK INSPECTION CHECK LIST LEAKS:WHAT TO LOOK FOR

An unexplained increase in fuel consumption.

Water in the tank - an increase can indicate a leak. Use water finder paste or ask the fuel company for assistance.

Sheen's in nearby streams, wetlands or drainage ditches.

Distressed (withered or dead) vegetation over or down-slope from the tank.

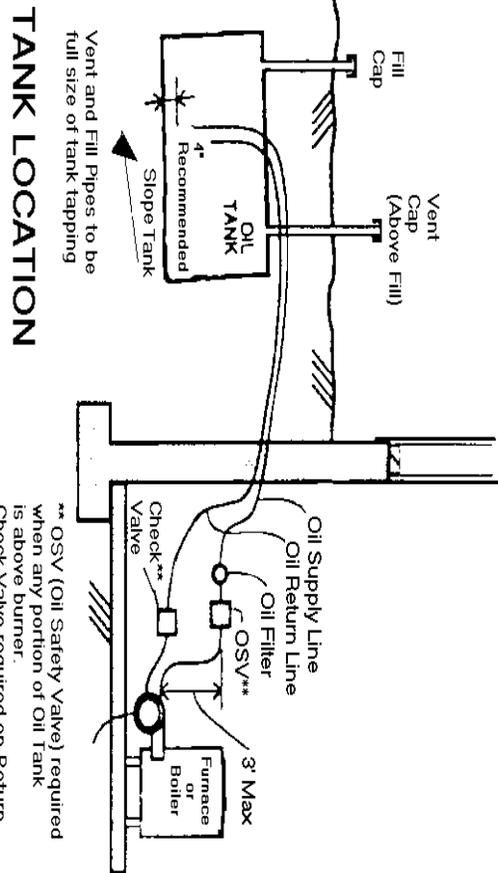
Signs of fuel spills or odors around the fuel fill and/or vent pipe.

**Signs of a leak or spill!?**

**Call the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation**

Check vent pipes and keep them clear of foreign matter like spider webs.

Make sure the remote fill whistle works. Check with your fuel delivery service!



TANK LOCATION

Typical underground tank installation

## REPORT ALL POLLUTION INCIDENTS TO:

THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION AT:

Juneau: 465-5340

Anchorage: 269-7684

Fairbanks: 451-2121

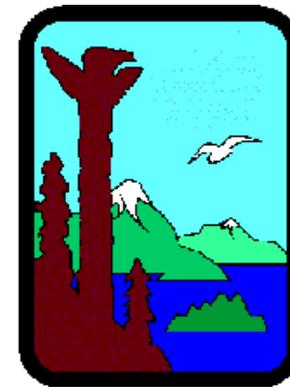
After hours and weekends :

1-800-478-9300

POLLUTION INCIDENTS TO WATER SHOULD BE REPORTED TO:

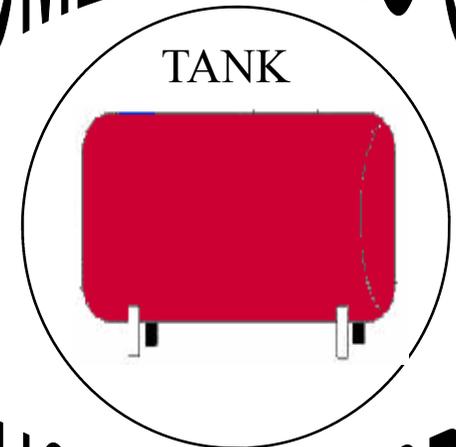
The National Response Center

1-800-424-8802



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# EDUCATION PROGRAM

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