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Public Service Announcement

Reminder to inspect heating oil tanks

Start Date: May 6, 2019
End Date: May 8, 2019
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The Department of Environment is encouraging all homeowners and property managers to conduct inspections of their heating oil tanks. Regular inspections and proper maintenance of heating oil tanks can prevent significant oil spill clean-up costs.

If water is allowed to accumulate in the “drip leg”, it will freeze and may cause a crack in the pipe. As the weather warms and the water thaws, fuel will escape through this crack, causing a spill. Tanks that show signs of rust, or are over 10 years old should be replaced. Yearly service should be conducted by a qualified technician who can empty the drip leg (water trap).

The *Illustrated Homeowner’s Guide to Heating Oil Tanks* provides information on how to properly inspect a heating oil tank and to recognize potential spill risks. The guide is available in all official languages at: https://gov.nu.ca/environment/documents/illustrated-home-owners-guide-heating-oil-tanks-2011.

You may also contact the Environmental Protection Officer or local Conservation Officer to arrange for a free inspection of your fuel tank.

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