

## Oil Tank Safety

Your domestic heating oil tank, the oil it contains and the equipment connected to it are all expensive and should be treated with due care.

**Never allow the oil tank to completely run dry** as this can damage the boiler. It can also result in blockages to the burner, pipe-work and pump when sediment is disturbed.

**Never 'tip' the tank to drain the contents**. The practice of 'tank tipping' is extremely hazardous - problems are difficult to rectify and consequences can be dangerous. Damage to the pipe-work, burner, pump, boiler, as well as to the tank itself, is common, as are costly oil spills.

**Except in emergencies, avoid using small containers to fill the tank**. It is costly for you and results in an increase in sediment and contamination which can damage the system, particularly in extremely cold weather.

Where damage is caused to the heating system as a result of the above, a charge will be incurred by the tenant for any necessary repair work and for the environmental clean up.

We appreciate that the cost of oil is high so please avoid adding needlessly to your fuel expenditure. Speak to your oil supplier about available payment methods. You may also, dependent upon your age / circumstances, be eligible for Cold Weather Payments to help with fuel bills.

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