



The Ministry of Consumer and Business Services recently amended Ontario's Technical Standards and Safety Act to include new regulations with regard to fuel oil.

The Canadian Oil Heat Association and your oilheat supplier want to ensure that you have the information you need about these important changes. This flyer includes a summary of the new regulations and what they mean to you.

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Fuel oil regulations and how they affect YOU

Have your oilheat system inspected!

One component of the new regulations involves **basic** and **comprehensive** inspections of your heating system by a certified professional Oil Burner Technician (OBT).

Basic inspections for heating systems involve a general, visual examination of the system. By May 2004, all fuel oil customers must have had at least a basic inspection performed by a certified individual.

You will also be required to have a comprehensive inspection of the heating and delivery system by a certified Oil Burner Technician (OBT). This inspection is required at least every 10 years. By May 2007 all fuel oil customers must have a comprehensive inspection.

The tank inspection checklist

When your tank is examined during the course of an inspection, your fuel oil dealer will be looking at certain criteria, which is outlined in the checklists. **Some examples are:**

- ⌘ Whether the tank vent and fill pipes are properly installed and terminated
- ⌘ If the tank is equipped with a proper fill cap
- ⌘ Whether the tank is equipped with a proper gauge and overflow protection device (whistle)
- ⌘ If an approved filter is installed

Some of the areas covered by the visual inspection are checking that the fill cap is secure, that the fill and vent are piped outside and that the overflow whistle works when the tank is being filled.

Register your underground oil tank!

Some of the new regulations are also specific to underground (buried) fuel oil storage tanks and their related devices. In December 2001, fuel oil distributors were required to provide TSSA with a list of all known underground storage tank (UST) installations. The list was intended to help TSSA in notifying tank owners of the registration and equipment upgrade requirements for USTs.

IMPORTANT: You should have received a letter and registration form from TSSA. If you haven't registered your tank, do so immediately. As a safety precaution, TSSA requires that fuel delivery be terminated to homeowners who don't register their tanks. This does not apply to tanks that are not buried.

The Canadian Oil Heat Association wants to ensure that our oilheat customers are well-informed about these new regulations which are designed to ensure your safety.

For more information about TSSA regulations, please contact your fuel oil dealer. You may also contact TSSA at **1-877-682-8772**, visit their Web site at **www.tssa.org** or fax them toll-free at **1-888-417-1371**.

