

WIN 50 GALLONS OF HOME HEATING FUEL!

Please respond to the following questions and return your answer to the Copper River Watershed Project (Box 1560) or Native Village of Eyak (Box 1388) **by November 30, 2020** to be entered to win 50 gallons of home heating fuel. Only one entry per household.

Responses can also be submitted online at:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CGFFDL9>

1. Please complete an inspection of your home fuel tank using the checklist provided. Please circle the number(s) (below) of the questions to which you answered "no".

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
 Other Observations:

2. What are the challenges you face to maintaining your home fuel tank?

3. Will you pledge to inspect your fuel tank four times over the course of 2021 to ensure the tank, stand, and lines remain protected and in stable condition?

Circle one: Yes No
 Why or why not?

Name:	
Mailing Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Physical Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	

NOTE: Contact information must be included to be eligible to win.

PREVENTION IS KEY

Homeowners are legally liable for costs associated with cleaning up contaminated soils and water that result from a home fuel tank spill. *With proper care and maintenance, these costs can be avoided.* In the case of a spill, the faster you react to a spill, the cheaper the clean-up will be.

To report a spill locally, contact Cordova Dispatch at 424-6100.

State law requires all oil and hazardous substance releases be reported to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.

Cordova residents should contact the Central Alaska Response Team in Anchorage at (907)269-3063. Evening & Weekends: 1-800-478-9300

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PREVENT OIL SPILLS AND SAVE MONEY TOO!



Taking time to learn more about maintenance and care of your home fuel tank can save you money. Did you know fuel spills can...

- ✓ contaminate local drinking water sources like Eyak Lake;
- ✓ reduce the value of your property;
- ✓ cause odor and health problems in you and/or your neighbors' homes;
- ✓ end up in Odiak Pond, Orca Inlet or Eyak Lake, home to salmon, the backbone of our economy.

Inspect your tank and be eligible to win 50 gallons of heating fuel from Shoreside Petroleum!

Use this checklist to inspect your heating oil tank.

Native Village of Eyak is available to assist with inspections. Contact 424-7738 for more information.

1) Does the fill pipe have a cover to keep water out and is the area around it free of stains?
 NO YES

2) Is the fuel system protected from overhead damage, such as falling ice, snow or trees?
 NO YES

3) If you have a fuel gauge and overfill alarm do they work?
 NO YES

4) Is the vent pipe clear of debris and insects?
 NO YES

5) Is the tank free of dents and rust? Is it painted to protect it?
 NO YES

6) Are the tank legs or stand the right size, in good condition and on a stable foundation? The tank should not be touching the ground.
 NO YES

7) Are the fuel lines protected (lines in the ground or concrete are inside liquid-tight conduit) from damage?
 NO YES

8) Is the fuel filter protected from damage and free of excess water?
 NO YES

9) Is the tank, especially the ends, free of stains or wet spots?
 NO YES

10) Is the fuel tank less than 15 years old? If not, you may want to consider replacing it.
 NO YES

Other things for Cordovans to consider:

55-gallon drums are not suitable oil tanks.

They are not designed for long-term use and are prone to rust and punctures. Fuel tanks available for sale at Shoreside Petroleum.

Warning about Wood Stands:

Stands made from wood can collect water under the oil tank and speed up deterioration of fuel tanks. Using metal stands or placing lengths of poly-rope or tarpaper under a fuel tank can keep water away from tanks and protect tanks from corrosion.

Furthermore, treated wood contains preservatives that can corrode copper piping. Any fuel line passing through pressure treated wood should be encased in non-metal materials.

Keep your oil tank freshly painted to extend its life span.

Cordova is located near active fault lines and **earthquakes** are a possibility. **Floodwaters** can also endanger home heating tanks. Resources with ideas for securing fuel tanks during these kinds of natural disasters can be found at:

<https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/prevention-preparedness/hho-tanks/>

Tips for Underground Tanks!!

- ◆ **Check the tank for water!** Excessive amounts of water can indicate the tank is leaking and can corrode the tank from the inside. Ask your fuel provider to test your tank once a year.
- ◆ **Check for dead vegetation, sheen and odors in low areas!** These are all signs of a fuel spill.
- ◆ **How old is your tank?** Most underground tanks fail eventually, some in as little as five years. If you don't know how old your tank is, maybe it's time to replace it.
- ◆ **Are electric lines buried near the fuel tank or fuel lines?** Electrolysis can cause premature failure of the tank or fuel lines.



Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
Division of Spill Prevention and Response

ADEC Area Response Team:
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For more information on heating oil systems visit:

<https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/prevention-preparedness/hho-tanks>



Before the snow flies, take time to protect your tank and lines from overhead damage from ice, snow, or trees!