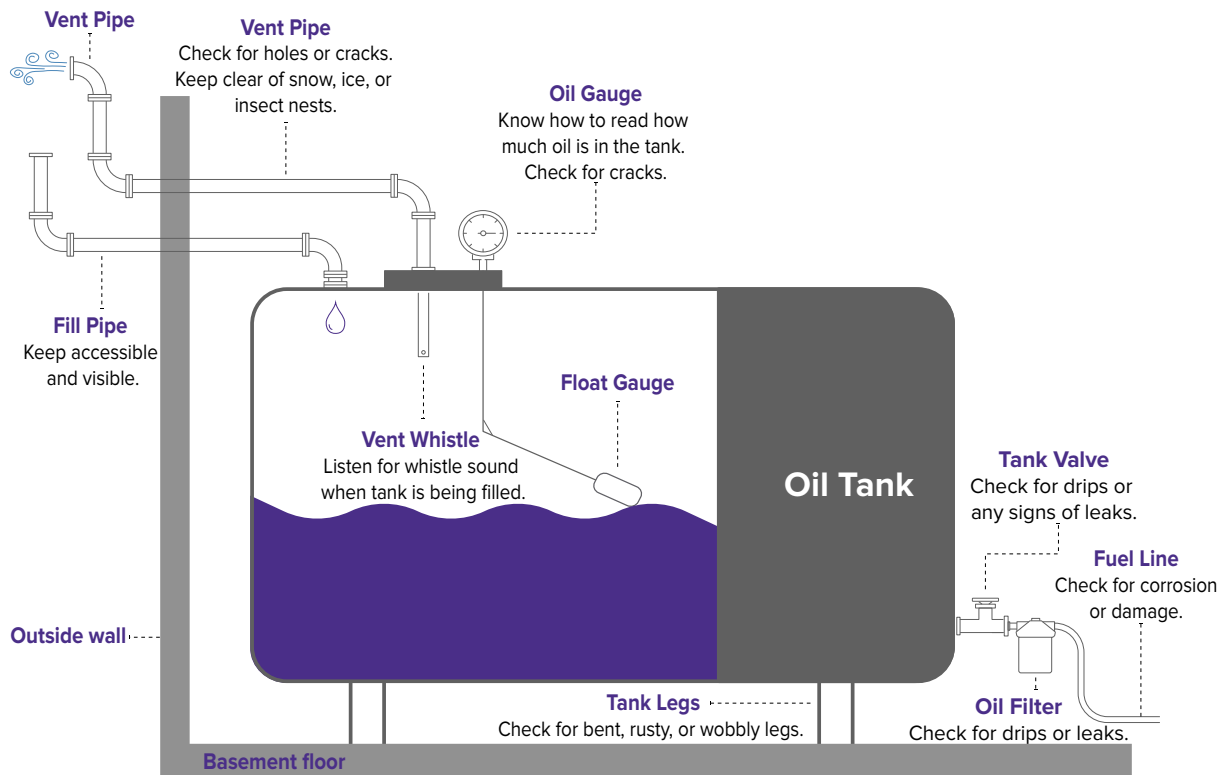


Maintaining Your Home Heating Oil Tank

A homeowner can be held responsible for the cost of cleaning up a fuel oil spill on their property. Maintaining your oil tank is important to prevent these spills.

Perform a Tank Maintenance Check

Check the condition of your above-ground oil tank at least once each year. If you see a problem, call your oil delivery company right away. They should inspect the equipment and determine whether anything needs to be repaired or replaced.



Best Practices

- Establish a service plan with your oil delivery company that includes a yearly equipment check or pay a small fee for one each year.
- Inspect your tank for leaks or spills before ordering and receiving oil.
- If you have an underground oil tank, check for signs of spills in your basement sump or by your fill and vent pipes.
- Monitor how much fuel oil you are using.
- Know how much oil is in your tank and verify scheduled deliveries with your delivery company to avoid a spill.

For more information

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If you discover a spill, immediately report it to the NYS Spill Hotline at (800) 457-7362.



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