

Heating Oil Security



Key Points to Consider

- Keep your tank visible
- Provide lighting around your tank
- If your tank is fenced in make sure the fence and any gates are secure
- Check your oil gauges regularly
- Invest in an approved tank alarm

Oil is a prime target for thieves. Take the following steps to secure your heating oil

- Keep your tank in a well overlooked position – this will ensure thieves are more likely to be seen.
- If your tank is close to your house make sure that it can be seen from your windows – this coupled with lighting will make it less of a target.
- Security lights can help deter potential thieves. Low level 'dusk 'til dawn' lights positioned close to the tank should, in most cases, provide sufficient light to illuminate any suspicious activity.
- Enclosing your tank in a building which can be secured is better still. However it is important not to overlook the importance of ventilation; advice should be sought from your oil company.
- If you have a gate keep it closed and locked when you are out.
- Make sure your perimeter fence is in good condition and is not easy to climb. Consider the use of trellis on top of any rear fencing to increase height.
- Invest in a good quality lock. Close shackle padlocks are recommended as they offer better resistance to bolt croppers and other tools that thieves usually come equipped with.
- Invest in an approved tank alarm.
- Check your oil gauges regularly to alert you to any potential thefts and help investigations by narrowing crime times down. Many tanks can be fitted with a gauge to monitor levels which can be read inside the house.



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Sir Robert Peel created the Metropolitan Police in 1829. He set out nine principles for policing. The First Principle was:

“To prevent crime and disorder, as an alternative to their repression by military force and severity of legal punishment.”



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