

HEATING OIL SECURITY



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Top Tips

Your oil tank should NOT be visible from the road

Secure the perimeter area around your oil tank

Invest in an approved oil tank alarm

Install movement sensitive CCTV, security lighting and warning signage

Additionally fit a good padlock on the filler cap

Check your oil gauges regularly

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Oil is a prime target for thieves at rural properties, businesses, transport depots and farms.

Take the following steps to secure your heating oil.

Alarm and Regularly monitor your heating oil tank, hiding it from view, within a secure perimeter area. Also making sure it is easily accessible for delivery drivers.

The position of your oil tank can have a significant effect on how difficult it is for a thief to target. Ideally it is best to have the oil tank close to your house with one or more windows overlooking it. However, there are guide lines on the sighting these items and guidance should be obtained from either the Oil Fired Technical Association, (referred to as OFTEC), through their guide at [Liquid heating fuel tank information | OFTEC guide](#) or your local heating oil supplier.

- Oil tanks can be seen as easy targets by thieves and tampering with them can lead to environmental spillage and possible serious damage to your heating system. **So make sure your oil tanks are properly secure.**
- The perimeter around the oil tank can be secured by keeping gates locked, with walls and fences in good repair.
- Install movement sensitive CCTV that can immediately alert and allow you to view that movement. Back it up with CCTV warning signage. Further enforce CCTV with good security lighting.



- If possible enclose your tank either in a stand-alone building or fenced off area. Any enclosed area must be ventilated. Again advice should be sought from either OFTEC or your oil company.
- Install a good alarm, preferably a movement activated alarm to deter the offender before they have accessed the oil tank. Or use a Sonic alarm with a mobile application that can immediately alert you of a change in fuel level.
- Further advice on fuel theft can be obtained at the police national Secure By Design (SBD) website at [How to reduce the risk of fuel theft \(securedbydesign.com\)](#) At this site information can also be obtained regarding police approved alarms at [Accredited Product Search \(securedbydesign.com\)](#)
- Invest in a good quality lock over the filler cap. Close shackle padlocks are recommended as they offer better resistance to bolt croppers and other tools that thieves usually come equipped with.



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