Self-Inspection Checklist For Fuel Oil Tanks

- [ ] NO  [ ] YES Are the tank legs (1) unstable or on an uneven foundation?

- [ ] NO  [ ] YES Do you see rust, weeps, wet spots, or excessive dents on the tank’s surface (2)?

- [ ] NO  [ ] YES Are there any drips or signs of leakage around the oil filter or valves (3)?

- [ ] NO  [ ] YES Do the oil lines (4) run either under concrete or aboveground without being encased in a protective tubing?

- [ ] NO  [ ] YES Are there any threats of snow or ice falling (5) on the oil tank or the filter?

- [ ] NO  [ ] YES Are there any signs of the tank’s vent (6) being clogged or blocked by ice or snow? (Screened vents are available to prevent insect nest problems.)

- [ ] NO  [ ] YES Is the overfill whistle (7) obstructed, or silent when the tank is being filled? (It should whistle.)

- [ ] NO  [ ] YES Are there any signs of spills (8) around the fill pipe?

- [ ] NO  [ ] YES Is the tank’s gauge (9) cracked, stuck, or frozen? Do you see oil or staining around it?

If any of your answers to this checklist are YES, please call your licensed oil heat technician for a more detailed inspection and corrective measures.