***Below is a sample message to an existing fuel oil customer that has not yet had their tank inspected.***

Vermont’s Aboveground Storage Tank (AST) regulations require heating oil and kerosene tanks to be inspected by a certified tank inspector at least once every three years and that all tanks be inspected by August 15, 2020. Due to the state of emergency related to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has provided limited relief to Vermonters that have not yet had a tank inspection.

According to the DEC’s enforcement discretion policy, a fuel dealer can fill an uninspected tank of an existing customer until May 1, 2021, as long as filling the tank doesn't pose a “significant threat to human health or the environment.” *This enforcement discretion will end either on May 1, 2021, or when the state of emergency related to the outbreak of COVID-19 is declared over.*

**Important:**

This enforcement discretion DOES NOT apply to outdoor tanks. All outdoor tanks must still be inspected and meet all five minimum safety requirements before they are filled.

The enforcement discretion ONLY applies to uninspected oilheat tanks in basements IF the customer has been with the same fuel company since 2017.  If a customer switches to a different oilheat supplier, the tank MUST be inspected first.

The prohibition on filling a red tagged tank HAS NOT been lifted. If a tank has been “red tagged” it has already been inspected and failed one or more of the five minimum safety requirements. Red tagged tanks can only be filled by a hand and must be fixed or replaced before the next delivery from a truck.

**According to our records, your tank has not been inspected.**

Please contact our office to schedule an inspection. If you have had your tank inspected in the past three years, please send a copy of your Vermont Aboveground Storage Tank (AST) Inspection Checklist to our office.

Go to [vermontfuel.com](http://vermontfuel.com) to learn more about Vermont’s AST regulations and resources to help pay for a new tank.

Thank you.