

Handling and Storage of Liquid Fuel

Handling and storage of liquid fuels has been identified under Ontario's Clean Water Act as a potential threat to drinking water sources.



Fuel storage includes:

- Home heating fuel
- Agricultural operations with fuel storage
- Marina fuel storage
- Commercial operations

A spill or leak from the handling or improper storage of liquid fuel could:

- Contaminate our drinking water sources
- Cause damage to the natural environment
- Be difficult and costly to clean up

Fuel spills and leaks may occur because of corrosion, overfilling, tank location or improper installation and maintenance.

You can protect drinking water sources from fuel spills and leaks by making sure of the following:

- All fuel storage tanks are installed by a Technical Standards and Safety Authority licensed contractor.
- Above ground fuel storage tanks are placed a safe distance from a drinking water well or intake.
- All fuel storage tanks are clearly marked (e.g., clear diesel, coloured diesel or gasoline) to identify the contents.
- Your fuel system complies with the installation and maintenance requirements of the Liquid Fuels Handling Code.
- Every storage tank, piping system and sump is tested and monitored regularly for leaks.
- Fuel storage tanks that are no longer in use are removed.

If your property is located near a municipal water supply and has onsite fuel storage that could potentially harm a water source, you may need a Risk Management Plan.

