

ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS IN BRIEF

Installation of Oil Tanks

Domestic Tanks

- 1 Tanks should not be fitted within 1.8 metres of a door, window, roof eave or flue outlet of a dwelling or connected building
- 2 If it is not possible to conform with the 1.8 metres regulation, a fire resistant barrier should be built around the back and two sides of the tank to create a 30 min firebreak. The barrier should extend 300mm above and beyond the tank.
- 3 The tank should not be sited less than 760mm from any boundary.
- 4 In addition to the above regulations a domestic tank will need to be bunded if it:-
 - a) Exceeds 3500 Litres in capacity
 - b) Is within 10 metres of controlled water (drain / watercourses) or is within 50 metres of a borehole or spring, or any other potential hazard on the site.

Industrial, Commercial & Institutional

- 1 All new installations must be bunded
- 2 From 1st September 2005 all installations must be bunded
- 3 No bunded tanks can have an external gauge
- 4 Guns and hoses must be contained within the bund when not in use.
- 5 The bund must be able to contain 110% of the tank capacity.
- 6 If a drain point is included in the bund it must be locked / lockable.

Agriculture

- 1 All tanks in England and Wales with a capacity exceeding 200 litres must be bunded to avoid breaking the environmental regulations which would be enacted should a spill occur
- 2 All ancillary equipment, guns, hoses, etc., must be contained within the bund when not in use. Hoses must be fitted with a tap or valve, which closes automatically
- 3 The bund must be able to contain at least 110% of the capacity of the tank.

This is a brief summary of the regulations concerning the installation of fuel tanks, to ensure your tank/new installation complies with the regulations contact OFTEC or visit their [website www.oftec.co.uk](http://www.oftec.co.uk)