

“safe as houses”

Safe and efficient installation of
Oil Fired Central Heating Systems

Planning to install a new Oil Fired Central Heating System?

Make sure your system is both safe and efficient

- Oil storage tanks and boiler houses should conform to current good practice for safety standards e.g. OFTEC recommendations or for guidance contact your local Council Building Control Service
- All systems should have timers and thermostats to conserve energy and save money
- Get your system installed properly by an OFTEC (Oil Firing Technical Association) registered installer
- Make sure you have your boiler serviced every year

A poorly installed and serviced heating system costs more to run and could be dangerous

For further information please contact OFTEC at:

www.oftec.org tel: 0901 4700 112 (calls cost 60p per minute) email: enquiries@oftec.org



There are standards to ensure your system is **safe** and **efficient**. The following steps will help save **energy** and **money**

SAFETY

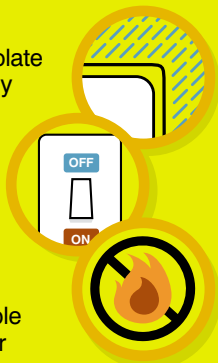
Oil tanks should:

- Be at least 1.8m (6' 0") away from doors or windows in a building and at least 760mm (2' 6") from boundaries
- Be inspected regularly for leaks
- Have no combustible material (including shrubbery) next to the tank
- Consider security lighting to prevent tampering and also consider a bund around your tank – your local building control can advise



Boiler houses should:

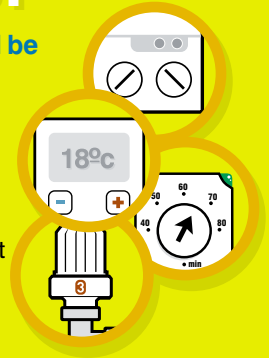
- Be weatherproof
- Have a switch to isolate the electricity supply during servicing
- Have a fire valve fitted outside on the oil supply line, to shut off the oil in the event of fire
- Have no combustible material stored in or around them



EFFICIENCY

Your system should be **fully controlled** and **have:**

- Programmer/timer
- Room thermostat
- Cylinder thermostat
- Thermostatic radiator valves



WE RECOMMEND

- That your installer is OFTEC registered (Oil Firing Technical Association)
- That your system is installed to OFTEC standards
- That your oil fired heating system has a programmer to provide you with central heating and hot water separately

REMEMBER

- Have your boiler serviced every year
- A poorly installed and serviced heating system costs more to run and could be dangerous
- Building control approval is required to install a new heating system or change a heating source

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