

# IS YOUR HOME OIL HEATING SYSTEM WINTER READY?



**Verde Remediation Services** is a leading specialist in the control and clean-up of polluted sites and contaminated land, air and water.

## **Our services include:**

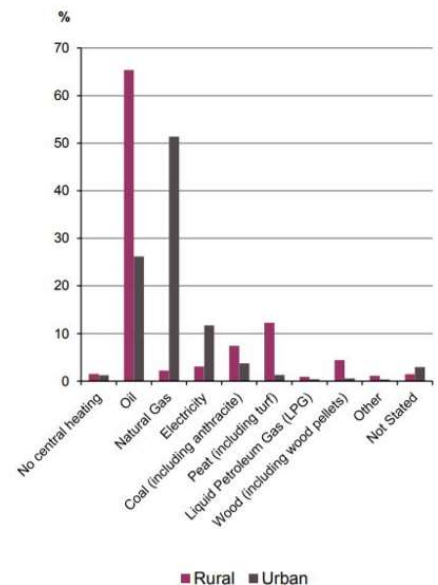
- Oil Spill Clean Up
- Chemical Spill Clean Up
- Emergency Response
- Control Measures
- Spill Prevention
- Land Remediation
- Groundwater Remediation
- Property Restoration

## 40% OF IRISH HOMES USE OIL FOR HEATING

Fossil fuels topped the responses from the 2016 Census as the most used source of central heating by occupied permanent housing units with oil, natural gas and coal being used to heat almost 4 out of 5 Irish homes.

There was a clear urban/rural split between the two main fossil fuel types of Oil and Natural Gas with the percentage of households using oil to heat their homes as:

Rural: 65%  
Urban: 27%



Source: [www.cso.ie/en/media/csoie/releasespublications/documents/population/2017/Chapter\\_9\\_Housing.pdf](http://www.cso.ie/en/media/csoie/releasespublications/documents/population/2017/Chapter_9_Housing.pdf)

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## MAINTAINING YOUR OIL TANK & BOILER

Maintaining the oil tank is something that homeowners frequently neglect. While oil tanks have a useful life of many years, eventually they will need to be replaced. Routine maintenance may also be needed so it's important to have the condition of your tank monitored as part of the annual service of your heating system.

Most oil tanks and boilers have a working life of around 15 years. If your tank or boiler is more than 20 years old, it should be replaced.

Assuming that all is well with your oil tank/boiler is likely to be a false economy and a leak could leave you with a clean-up bill running into many thousands of pounds.

Source: OFTEC

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*“Failure to install, maintain, or replace your tank or boiler may cause a spill, endanger health, devalue your property and damage the environment.”*

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## OUR CLIENTS SAY IT BEST

*"It was reassuring to have had a company as professional as yourselves involved."*

*"Although the oil spillage was a worrying issue for us as a family, it was reassuring how Verde dealt with the remediation works and how well they worked with the loss adjuster to assist our claim."*

*"I would be more than happy to recommend Verde. May I take the opportunity to compliment them on their professional manner in carrying out what could have been a very stressful job."*

*"Verde were very professional at all times and made a very positive impression on me."*

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

Check for anything on or around your tank / boiler that could indicate a leak is likely to happen, or oil has been lost to the environment, and:

- Ensure the tank isn't overgrown with vegetation that would hide its condition.
- Check the tank/boiler base or supports for cracking or subsidence.
- Ensure the tank/boiler has a working contents gauge; if this has a valve make sure it's closed.
- Check all visible pipework, valves and filters for damage and signs of leaks.
- Check vegetation around the oil tank for signs of die-back.



## DEALING WITH OIL SPILLS

If you discover an oil leak, or have a spill, you need to deal with it immediately or it could cause a serious pollution problem.

### Take action:

- If you can safely stop the flow of oil do. If there's room, put a bucket under the leak and close valves or taps.
- Use the contents of your spill kit, sandbags or earth to soak up the oil if it's on a hard surface and stop it entering a river, stream, watercourse, and drains or soaking into the ground.
- Never wash any spilt oil away into drains, a gully or into the ground. Most drains connect to the nearest watercourse and oil can cause serious pollution of rivers, streams and groundwater.
- Never use detergents to clean up spilt oil; you could cause a worse pollution incident. The detergent itself is a pollutant and mixes oil into the water.

## IF YOU NEED HELP, CALL OUR EMERGENCY HOTLINE

We can respond rapidly to help you with your oil spill problem, with **emergency response crews on call 7 days a week.**

As the largest oil spill remediation company in Ireland, **Verde Remediation**

**Services** has experienced teams on hand across the country which include environmental engineers and scientists, as well as remediation field crews who have years of experience in dealing with these oil spill incidents.

## OUR ACCREDITATION



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