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Information Bulletin

Fuel Oil Comprehensive Inspections

Dear Homeowner:

Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) is delegated by Ontario's Ministry of Government Services to administer and enforce the *Technical Standards and Safety Act, 2000* which includes fuels safety in Ontario. Specific to fuel oil, including home heating oil, TSSA maintains and aims to enhance safety within the fuels sector for Ontario citizens as well as within various other important industry sectors.

Ontario Regulation 213/01 was passed in June 2001, which requires fuel oil distributors be satisfied that all fuel related equipment to which they supply fuel oil is compliant with the requirements outlined in the Regulation. This new legal requirement was put in place to best ensure continued safe operation and use of the fuel oil equipment in your home. Compliance to this regulation requires that a comprehensive inspection of all fuel related equipment such as storage tanks, piping, oil-fired furnaces, stoves, water heaters, boilers, etc., be completed by a TSSA certified technician acceptable to your distributor.

TSSA has been made aware that fuel oil distributors are experiencing some challenges in completing comprehensive inspections for homeowners of fuel oil equipment.

Homeowners, please be advised, if your fuel oil equipment is not properly inspected and found safe for use under these regulations, your distributor is legally obliged to terminate the fuel oil supply to your home.

To ensure continued delivery of fuel oil to your home and safe continued use of your fuel oil equipment, TSSA requests that you provide your distributor with the opportunity to complete a comprehensive inspection in a timely manner. As the homeowner, it is your responsibility to contact your distributor to arrange an appropriate date and time for the inspection. The deadline for the comprehensive inspection to be completed is May 1, 2006.

TSSA and fuel oil distributors thank you in advance for your co-operation. Should you require further clarification or have questions, please contact your heating contractor, your fuel oil distributor, the Canadian Oil Heat Association (COHA) at (905) 946-0264 or TSSA at 1-877-682-8772.