

## HEATBASE FACTSHEET 18

### Oil Tank Isolation and Oil Filters

If your oil filter cannot be cleaned or replaced due to damage, or that it is too close to the ground to remove the filter bowl, you will need to contact an Installer to have the work carried out at the earliest convenience. If the filter becomes blocked, it will lead to a breakdown which may not be able to be rectified until the filter is replaced.

If the filter has become buried or is touching concrete or wet ground, appropriate remedial work will need carried out as soon as possible by an Installer. If a filter is left in this situation it will eventually rot through and will then leak, leading to contamination and environmental pollution.

If the isolation valve at your oil tank does not turn off, it will eventually cause a problem! It means that the fuel filter cannot be cleaned, and some oil line components may not be able to be replaced. Although this may not seem like a major problem, should your filter become blocked or an oil line item need replaced it may then become urgent. It also means that in the event of a fire, or if the oil line between the tank and house becomes damaged, the supply of fuel cannot be stopped; which could have catastrophic consequences.

It is therefore crucial that this should be rectified at the earliest possible opportunity. This may involve draining the entire contents of the tank, or waiting until the oil tank is empty.