



UST INFORMATION

Spill Bucket Operation and Maintenance

A spill bucket is installed at the fill pipe to contain drips and spills of fuel that can occur when the delivery hose is uncoupled from the fill pipe after delivery. The spill bucket must be properly maintained in order to provide adequate protection from spills during fuel deliveries. It is designed to temporarily contain product spills and must be liquid-tight. It is not designed to contain fuel for long periods of time and must be quickly emptied and the contents disposed of properly. They typically range in size from 5 to 25 gallons.

The checklist below provides information on properly maintaining your spill bucket:

- Keep your spill bucket empty of liquids.

Some spill buckets are equipped with a valve that allows you to drain accumulated fuel into your UST. Others may be equipped with a manual pump so fuel can be put into your UST by pumping it through the fill pipe. Keep in mind, however, that when you pump out or drain your spill bucket into your UST, any water or debris may also enter the UST. If a basin is not equipped with a drain valve or pump, then any accumulated fuel or water must be removed manually and disposed of properly.

- Periodically check your spill bucket and remove any debris.

Debris could include soil, stones or trash.

- Periodically check to see if your spill bucket is still liquid-tight.

Have a qualified UST contractor inspect your spill bucket for signs of wear, cracks or holes. Based on this inspection, the contractor may suggest a test to determine if the spill bucket is tight or needs repair or replacement.

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