

The Important Tank Signs You Can't Afford To Miss

Storage tanks need periodic cleaning to ensure their long term health and the quality of the fuel inside. If you're wondering about your tank (and if you haven't thought about it in a while, you probably should), keep an eye out for these signs that are typical indicators of a fuel storage tank in need to service.

How many of these do you have in your eye? Even just one or more of these is a strong warning sign.



Visibly dark or black fuel

Fuel doesn't go into a storage tank looking dark or black. Something happened in the tank to turn it that way. Dark or blackened fuel is a sign of a problem.



Dark slime in the fuel filters

The fuel filters will catch whatever is in the fuel. Dark slime gunking up the filter is an indicator of microbial growth in the fuel tank or excessive heavy carbon (i.e. asphaltene) dropout. The presence of either one indicates a problem.



Shortened filter life

Shortened filter life is a key indicator that something is going on, and is easy to keep track if you know what your system's normal expected filter life is.



Smoke or markedly changed engine performance

When the engine starts producing smoke or suddenly stop running well on fuel, it means something has happened to the combustion quality of that fuel. And that means it's time to look into the storage tank.



Sludge and water presence

Neither of these is good for the health of fuel. This also means you can only find this out by practicing good housekeeping measures like checking the tank for the presence of these problem precursors.

What to do?

If you start noticing one or more of these problems, it's a good idea to enlist the help of a tank cleaning professional. *Don't know where to start? We can help.*

Want to know more? You're in luck.

Check out these helpful video summaries of important things to keep in mind when storing fuels.

Keeping Fuel Healthy In Storage: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MC5uVeuEb0g>

Stored Diesel Fuel Overview: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SfErM6P8s1U>

Watch This If You Store Biodiesel Blends: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RBE6KVnaRE8>