

DIY 3: Report on cleanup by a Canadian Home Owner

A Canadian home owner contacted us to inquire if VaporRemed would help in mitigating heating oil fumes. He mentioned that a heating oil company had overfilled the heating oil tank that resulted in a small spill staining the concrete as seen in photographs below. The surface of concrete was washed and pressure washed repeatedly, but the odor of heating oil remained impacting the health of his mother.



Figure 1. Stain on concrete seen even after repeated washing



Figure 2. Stained concrete surface seen from a different angle.



Figure 3. Basement seen from far end

He wanted to know if VaporRemed he found after surfing on the web would work for getting rid of the strong odor. We said yes and his next question was how VaporRemed can work differently from what he had done namely repeated washing. We explained to him that while washing and pressure washings are physical processes trying to force out the oil trapped in the pores of concrete, VaporRemed does not force the oil out of the pores but works on the oil trapped in the pores. VaporRemed treats the source of odor produced by the oil trapped in the pores and unlike masking agents eliminates the odor quickly and permanently. He decided to give it a try as the next option was to dig up the concrete and resurface the area which is quite expensive as compared to the gallon of VaporRemed.

He then ordered 1 gallon of VaporRemed and sprayed on the surface impacted with spill. In less than one hour he could detect that the odors were gone. However, since the spill had gone deeper into the concrete, he was advised to repeat the application multiple times. Immediately after the first application he found the odor gone and so he continued to apply repeatedly and at the end of 10 days the smell had gone completely. The stains however remained but did not cause any recurrence of odor. He has not received any complaints from his mother about the smell since VaporRemed was used in 2006. His problem was thus resolved with just one gallon of VaporRemed.

As reported by the home owner in [Google](#) in answer to a question from another in similar situation:

I used VaporRemed in my mother basement, she had an oil tank overflow 4 years ago the oil company blamed it on my mother due to inadequate tank maintenance on the float, would not claim responsibility. After trying everything I could think of to other than ripping up the concrete to try to get rid of the smell and the stain, I Googled and



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Yahooped what I could do, I came across this site with this question. I followed the lead to VaporRemed. I was hesitant at first about the cost and hassle of shipping it to Montreal, and then ordered it. I followed the instructions, within a few minutes the oil smell slowly disappeared, there was a slight vegetable oil smell but that was it. I had my mother spray the area down every few days. Then she put down kitty litter to absorb the slime that was there. It worked, there is just a small stain left on the concrete and no smell at all. This after 4 years of putting up with the oil smell, especially in the winter when the windows were closed up. And after we cleaned up that spill the oil tank developed a leak (it was 46 years old, I was 7 when my father built the house) Perfect timing, cleaned up that mess and put in a new smaller tank so check it out, this is no bull and not meant to be a plug but it worked for me and it may help you save time and money.

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