

## **Just one Gallon of VaporRemed - A day's work on a spill: Another DIY report from the archives.**

Heating oil spill in homes are not common but when they do occur it takes the home owner by surprise. A spill is a catastrophic event and one doesn't know how it would change his life as a home owner. Will he lose his house or will he be under debt?

In 2006 a home owner in New York suddenly realized that there was a release of fuel oil from a storage tank in his office in basement and it flooded the floor and all his office items. The heating oil tank seen in the Figure 1 below in the basement began to release fuel from some valves without any prior indication. In fact he did not realize that the fuel oil was leaking until he smelt of strong heating oil odor coming from his basement which happens in most such cases. He closed the valve and stopped any release from the tank and surveyed the scene before beginning the cleanup. He did not panic and began to evaluate his options.



**Figure 1. Release of heating oil from the tank**

The floor of the basement was flooded with oil almost 2 inches thick and most of the items in the basement were soaked with oil as seen from the Figures 2,3, and 4 below. Every item of use was soaked in fuel oil. The home owner had stopped the release and he mopped up the spilled oil in buckets using all the precautions of protecting himself from the strong fumes of fuel oil.



**Figure 2**



**Figure 3**



**Figure 4**



**Figure 5**

Once the released oil was mopped up, he placed blower fans at the bottom of the steps to dissipate fumes produced by the residual oil soaked in the concrete as seen in the Figure 5 above. He removed all the articles soaked by oil for proper disposal and the area was now available for the next step.



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## **Removal of fumes**

Next step was to determine the best course of action for eliminating the fumes from the basement. The search on web showed that VaporRemed was reportedly most effective in removing fumes quickly and permanently. He contacted our Trenton office for pick up of 1 gallon of VaporRemed without an applicator sprayer since he had a garden sprayer on hand that he could use. In view of the short time he had available to complete the job he requested us to meet him at a point nearest to the free way so that he could collect VaporRemed and return back and apply with minimum delay. We delivered VaporRemed personally to him and he applied the same on the floor of the basement the same day and reported next day that the house was free from any heating oil odor or smell and he did not need more VaporRemed.

We asked him after everything was over why did he not call a professional help and he said he knew how to address the cleanup that an environment company would generally do, but he did not want to lose his house. He made a search on the web and was convinced that only VaporRemed would meet the situation and we are proud that it did meet the situation. Total cost for him was the actual cost of one gallon of VaporRemed excluding the commute cost and time. But his house was safe and he did not have to move his family anywhere even for a single day. We do not recommend that any spill should be attended without professional help. This only goes to show that cost of cleanup need not be very high if VaporRemed is available.

This case coming soon after the one in Cincinnati, Ohio, made us feel doubly satisfied.

**All a day's work: VaporRemed works!!!**