

THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL DOES NOT ISSUE REMOVAL OR INSTALLATION PERMITS FOR HOME HEATING OIL TANKS LESS THAN 1,100 GALLONS PER THE OHIO FIRE CODE (RULE 34).

HOWEVER YOU MUST CHECK WITH YOUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT AND DETERMINE IF THEY REQUIRE A PERMIT OR INSPECTION FOR THE ABOVE.

3401.4 Permits. Permits shall be required as set forth in *rule 1301:7-7-01 of the Administrative Code. In accordance with (E)(1)(a)(105.1.1) of rule 1301:7-7-01 of the Administrative Code, permits required for the installation, alterations to tanks, piping or appurtenances, abandonment, removal or to place temporarily out of service a stationary flammable or combustible liquid storage tank shall be obtained from the fire marshal when such permit is not issued by another officer listed in Section 3737.14 of the Revised Code.*

Exception: A stationary flammable or combustible liquid storage tank with a capacity of 1,100 gallons or less utilized for residential heating oil or agricultural purposes.

UNDERGROUND TANKS THAT HAVE BEEN OUT OF SERVICE FOR ONE YEAR (OR LONGER) NEED TO BE REMOVED OR ABANDONED IN PLACE.

3404.2.13.1.3 Out of service for 1 year. Underground tanks that have been out of service for a period of 1 year shall be removed from the ground in accordance with *paragraph (D)(2)(n)(3404.2.14) of this rule* or abandoned in place in accordance with *paragraph (D)(2)(m)(i)(d) (3404.2.13.1.4) of this rule.*

3404.2.13.1.4 Tanks abandoned in place. Tanks abandoned in place shall be abandoned as follows:

- (i) Flammable and combustible liquids shall be removed from the tank and connected piping.
- (ii) The suction, inlet, gauge, vapor return and vapor lines shall be disconnected.
- (iii) The tank shall be filled completely with an approved, inert solid material.

Exception: Residential heating oil tanks of 1,100 gallons (4164 L) or less, provided the fill line is permanently capped or plugged, below grade, to prevent refilling of the tank.

- (iv) Remaining underground piping shall be capped or plugged.
- (v) A record of tank size, location and date of abandonment shall be retained.

3404.2.14 Removal and disposal of tanks. Removal and disposal of tanks shall comply with *paragraphs* (D)(2)(n)(i)(3404.2.14.1) and (D)(2)(n)(ii)(3404.2.14.2) *of this rule*.

- (i) **3404.2.14.1 Removal.** Removal of aboveground and underground tanks shall be in accordance with all of the following:

- (a) Flammable and combustible liquids shall be removed from the tank and connecting piping.
- (b) Piping at tank openings which is not to be used further shall be disconnected.
- (c) Piping shall be removed from the ground.

Exception: Piping is allowed to be abandoned in place where the fire code official determines that removal is not practical. Abandoned piping shall be capped and safeguarded as required by the fire code official.

- (d) Tank openings shall be capped or plugged, leaving a 0.125 inch to 0.25 inch diameter (3.2 mm to 6.4 mm) opening for pressure equalization.
 - (e) Tanks shall be purged of vapor and inerted prior to removal.
- (ii) **3404.2.14.2 Disposal.** Tanks shall be disposed of in accordance with federal, state and local regulations.