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Department of Permitting Services

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FUEL STORAGE TANK – GENERAL PERMIT

A. General Permit #: _____ Installation Removal Abandonment

B. Location of Work

Address: _____

Single Family Home: Yes No If no, type of building: _____

Underground: Yes No

C. Type of fuel:

Class I
Gasoline

Class II
Diesel

Generator day tanks must comply with NFPA 110.
Fuel tanks for fire pumps must comply with NFPA 20.
Other than integrated belly tanks, Class I and II fuel tanks must be UL 2085 or equivalent.

Class III
Home heating oil

LP Gas
Propane

D. Tank(s): This permit is for a single tank, or a system of tanks manifolded together.

Tank/System Capacity: _____ gallons

E. Use

New installations may require a commercial or residential building and/or mechanical permit(s) and inspection(s). If this is a new installation, please briefly describe how the fuel will be used:

E. An Accurate Site Plan Must Show:

Distances to property lines, structures, significant utility installations

Location of tank(s) (new and existing) with dimensions

Failure to provide a site plan with the above items will result in the return of this application.

F. Miscellaneous

Abandoned tanks must be drained of all fuel and filled with inert material. Home heating oil tanks located indoors only require a residential mechanical permit.

Sec. 22-45. Aboveground tank storage of flammable liquids.

(a) *Generally.* Aboveground storage tanks for the storage of class I flammable and class II liquids shall be prohibited except as provided for in subsections (b), (c) and (d) of this section.

(b) *Existing tanks.* Existing aboveground tanks approved by the fire marshal prior to April 28, 1959, may be continued provided the installation does not constitute a hazard. The director shall periodically inspect the installation for safety, and if he determines the installation or operation is no longer conducted or maintained in a safe manner, he shall have authority to require their removal or replacement with underground tanks.

(c) *Agricultural storage.* On farms portable tanks not exceeding six hundred sixty (660) gallons of class I liquid are hereby permitted, if stored fifty (50) feet or more away from buildings and adjoining property lines.

(d) *Temporary use of portable tanks.* The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not prohibit the temporary use of portable tanks less than six hundred sixty (660) gallons capacity in conjunction with the dispensing of flammable or combustible liquids into the fuel tanks of motor vehicles or other motorized equipment on premises not normally accessible to the public. Such installation shall only be made under permit from the department. The permit shall include a definite time limit, not to exceed six (6) months.

(e) *Outside tanks supplying oil burning equipment.* Outside aboveground tanks not exceeding five-hundred-fifty-gallon capacity may be used to supply oil burning equipment in one- or two-family detached dwelling.

(f) *Bulk storage.* Aboveground tanks for bulk storage of class II combustible liquids may be established in non-congested areas when the director finds that installation will not adversely affect the safety of surrounding property. These installations shall be equipped with fixed fire suppression systems and such other safeguards as may be deemed necessary by the director. (1975 L.M.C., ch. 23, § 1.)

Sec. 22-46. Abandonment of tanks of flammable or combustible liquids.

(a) *Permit required.* A permit shall be obtained from the department to remove, abandon, place temporarily out of service or otherwise dispose of any flammable or combustible liquid tank.

(b) *Procedures.* The procedures outlined in appendix C of the Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code, NFPA #30, shall be followed when tanks are placed temporarily out of service, abandoned or removed.

(c) *Exposed piping.* Whenever a tank is removed all exposed or aboveground fill inlets and vent pipes shall be removed unless such fill or vent pipes are to be immediately connected to another tank. (1975 L.M.C., ch. 23, § 1.)

All regulated USTs within Maryland are required to be registered through the Underground Storage Tank Notification Program. For additional information on UST registrations, please visit our [Permit Applications](#) page.