



FIRE CODE PERMIT
UNDERGROUND FUEL TANK REMOVAL/CLOSURE
YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE
International Fire Code
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**Requirements for Permanently Removing or Closing
Underground Flammable or Combustible Liquid Tanks**

*A Fire Code Permit (FCP) is required from Yakima County Building and Fire Safety Division to remove or abandon an underground tank.

*Underground storage tank services shall be performed by a service provider who is certified in accordance with WAC 173-360A-0920 and 173-360A-0930

*It is your responsibility to contact other local authorities, including Department of Ecology for any additional policies and/or permits.

TANKS ABANDONED IN PLACE: IFC 5704.2.13.1.4

Tanks abandoned in place shall be as follows:

1. Flammable and combustible liquids shall be removed from the tank and connected piping.
2. The suction, inlet, gauge, vapor return, and vapor lines shall be disconnected.
3. The tank shall be filled completely with an approved inert solid material.
4. Remaining underground piping shall be capped or plugged.
5. A record of tank size, location and date of abandonment shall be retained.
6. All exterior above-grade fill piping shall be permanently removed when tanks are abandoned or removed.

REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF TANKS: IFC 5704.2.14.1

Removal of aboveground and underground tanks shall be in accordance with all of the following:

1. Flammable and combustible liquids shall be removed from the tank and connected piping.
2. Piping at tank openings that is not to be used further shall be disconnected.
3. 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.

4. Tank openings shall be capped or plugged, leaving a 1/8-inch to 1/4-inch diameter (3.2 mm to 6.4 mm) opening for pressure equalization.
5. Tanks shall be purged of vapor and inerted prior to removal.
6. All exterior above-grade fill and vent piping shall be permanently removed.

Exception: Piping associated with bulk plants, terminal facilities, and refineries.

DISPOSAL. IFC 5704.2.14.2

Tanks shall be disposed of in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations.

Any history of the tank or piping leakage: