



City of Pittsburgh

Department of Public Safety

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TANK REMOVAL PROCEDURE

Obtain proper permit for removal of an AST or UST from the Fire Prevention Office. Removal of an underground storage tank shall be performed by a contractor holding a current DEP Certification. Tanks cannot be removed without an approved permit. Failure to follow this procedure will result in appropriate actions being taken.

Fill out permit, sign and return to Fire Prevention along with remittance (\$55.00 per tank to be removed).

Contact Fire Prevention at 255-2846 at least 48 hours in advance of tank removal. Fire Prevention personnel will be on site when tank is removed. A check for visible soil contamination, along with pictures and if necessary, LEL meter readings of the tank will be completed.

Before a tank can be removed from the site it must be vapor free and inspected by a member of Fire Prevention. If a tank is found and contains a product, it shall be tested, identified and removed via a vacuum truck (if applicable) prior to tank removal. Tanks shall be disposed of in accordance with local, state and federal regulations. Inspections performed will be invoiced at \$48.00 per hour.

UST's and AST's out of service for one year shall be removed. In certain circumstances a UST may be closed in place but it must jeopardize the foundation of a structure. The Fire Prevention Office will make the determination if a tank can be closed in place. If a UST is closed in place it must be vapor free and filled with a mixture of slurry concrete. Openings in the UST must be capped or plugged using hydraulic cement. All exposed piping, gauge and tank fixtures and other appurtenances shall be disconnected and removed. All remaining piping and tank openings shall be capped or plugged using hydraulic cement.

AST's Abandon

AST's temporary out of service for up to one year shall have all connecting lines isolated from the tank and secured against tampering.

Exception: In place fire protection (foam) system lines.

UST's Abandon

UST's out of service from 90 days to 365 days shall comply with the following:

- Flammable or combustible liquids shall be removed from the tank.
- All piping including fill line, gauge opening, vapor return and pump connections shall be capped or plugged and secure from tampering.
- Vent lines shall remain open.



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