

Checklist of Permit Requirements  
for Removing and Disposal of Underground Tanks  
2020 NYS Fire Code

5704.2.14 Removal and disposal of tanks. Removal and disposal of tanks shall comply with Sections 5704.2.14.1 and 5704.2.14.2.

Property owner name: \_\_\_\_\_ SBL# \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>5704.2.14.1 Removal. Removal of above-ground and underground tanks shall be in accordance with all of the following:</b>	
	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.
<b>5704.2.14.2 Disposal. Tanks shall be disposed of in accordance with federal, state and local regulations.</b>	
	According to the NYS DEC website: Most home heating oil tanks are not regulated by New York State's Petroleum Bulk Storage (PBS) regulations because they have a capacity of less than 1,100 gallons
<b>[NY] 5704.2.16 Abandonment of heating oil storage tanks. The abandonment or removal of tanks used for storing heating oil for consumptive use on the premises where stored, referred to in this section as heating oil storage tanks, and related piping in connection with the conversion of liquid fuel burning appliance to alternative fuel shall be in accordance with all of the following:</b>	
	1. The entire contents of the heating oil storage tank and related piping shall be emptied, cleaned and purged of all vapor. The contents of the storage tank and related piping shall be removed from the premises or property and disposed of in accordance with applicable local, state or federal rules and regulations.
	2. If the heating oil storage tank is to be abandoned in place, the vent line shall remain open and intact, unless the tank is filled with an inert material. The oil fill pipe and other related piping shall either be removed, or the oil fill pipe shall be filled with concrete.
	3. If the heating oil storage tank is to be removed, the vent line, oil fill pipe and related piping shall also be removed, or the oil fill pipe shall be filled with concrete.
	4. An appropriate and qualified inspector, as determined by the local government, shall cause an inspection to be made of the abandonment or removal in connection with the conversion to determine conformity with the <i>Uniform Code</i> ; provided, however, that the local government official may waive such inspection for good cause shown.
	5. No approval of such abandonment or removal shall be granted unless written proof of the heating oil storage tank's oil fill pipe having been removed or filled with concrete, in accordance with appropriate provisions of the <i>Uniform Code</i> has been provided by the property owner to the local inspector or, in the event that an inspection has been waived for good cause shown, to the local government.

I certify that I have reviewed these requirements and will schedule all necessary inspections to properly close out any permits related to the removal and disposal of an underground storage tank

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Property owner signature