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**Not sure what to  
do about that old  
underground tank?**

**Ask DNREC!**

# Heating Fuel Underground Storage Tank Closure Assistance Program



The Heating Fuel Underground Storage Tank (UST) Closure Assistance Program is funded by the State of Delaware and administered by the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control. The new program was created to perform the removal or closure-in-place of heating fuel USTs of 1,100-gallons or less. The USTs must have been used to store fuel to heat the premises where they are located.

## What does the program cover?

The program covers the cost for the removal or closure-in-place of eligible heating fuel USTs, soil sampling and analysis, limited over-excavation and disposal of up to 22 tons of petroleum-impacted soil, and site restoration to the extent practicable, subject to statutory limitations and availability of funds.

## Which tanks are eligible?

- Tanks buried below ground that hold 1,100 gallons or less of heating fuel
- Tanks used to store heating fuel to heat buildings on the premises (not for storage for the purpose of fuel re-sale)
- Tanks that have been deemed eligible for the program by DNREC through an application process

## How do I apply?

Complete and submit an application to DNREC. The program application can be found at <http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/tanks>, or contact DNREC at 302-395-2500.

## How does the program work?

- Upon receipt of a completed application, DNREC will determine if the tank is eligible for the program.
- DNREC will notify the applicant of the eligibility determination.
- DNREC will assign a DNREC-certified UST closure contractor to perform the UST closure and site restoration to the extent practicable.
- State funding will pay for the UST removal or closure-in-place, and limited over-excavation and contaminated soil disposal.

## What is NOT covered?

- Replacement costs for new USTs, aboveground storage tanks (ASTs), or other heating sources (e.g., propane, natural gas, etc.) or equipment (heaters, boilers, etc.).
- Management of contaminated materials if the land use changes or future construction occurs at the facility or residence.
- Removal and/or replacement of hardscaping, landscaping, decking, etc. that may be impacted by UST closure activities.
- If, following over-excavation of 22 tons of impacted soil, soil contamination exceeds established action levels, additional investigation and/or cleanup may be required, per the UST regulations. The program does not cover costs associated with additional investigation and/or cleanup. You may be responsible for the additional costs. However, facilities and residences may be eligible for funds through another state-funded program. Please contact DNREC for more information.