

THE PROGRAM

The Heating Fuel UST Closure Assistance Program is a program funded by the State of Delaware to perform removal or closure-in-place of heating fuel underground storage tanks (USTs) of 1,100 gallons or less in capacity used for heating the premises where they are stored.



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For an application, please visit:

<https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/waste-hazardous/tanks/financing-options/> or; scan the following QR code:



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Underground Storage Tank Removal



Underground Storage Tank Closure-in-Place

*Program does not include removal and/or replacement of hardscaping, landscaping, decking, etc. that may be impacted by UST closure activities.

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What is the 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 Remediation Section (DNREC-RS).

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 overexcavation 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; and
- Tanks used to store heating fuel to heat buildings on the premises (not for storage for the purpose of fuel re-sale); and
- 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: <https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/waste-hazardous/tanks/financing-options/> or contact the DNRECat 302-395-2600.

How does the program work?

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

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What is **NOT** covered?

- If 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-TMS for more information.
- 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 should land use change or future construction occur at the

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