

# ABOVE-GROUND TANKS MINIMUM INFORMATION REQUIRED WITH APPLICATION

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A minimum of **two (2) copies** of construction documents and submittal data shall be provided with permit application as being **required** for compliance with the **State of Pennsylvania, International Fire Code 2003** and **International Building Code 2003** and **N.F.P.A.** standards.

**Above-ground tanks.** Above-ground tanks taken out of service shall comply with Sections 3404.2.13.2.1 through 3404.2.13.2.3.

**Temporarily out of service.** Above-ground tanks temporarily out of service shall have all connecting lines isolated from the tank and be secured against tampering.

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

**Out of service for 90 days.** Above-ground tanks not used for a period of 90 days shall be safeguarded in accordance with Section 3404.2.13.1.2 or removed in accordance with Section 3404.2.14.

**Exceptions:**

1. Tanks and containers connected to oil burners that are not in use during the warm season of the year or are used as a backup heating system to gas.
2. In-place, active fire protection (foam) system lines.

**Out of service for 1 year.** Above-ground tanks that have been out of service for a period of 1 year shall be removed in accordance with Sections 3404.2.14.

**Exceptions:** Tanks within operating facilities.

**Removal of disposal of tanks.** Removal and disposal of tanks shall comply with Sections 3404.2.14.1 and 3404.2.14.2.

**Removal.** Removal of above-ground and underground tanks shall be in accordance with all of the following:

1. Flammable and combustible liquids shall be removed from the tank and connecting piping.
2. Piping at tank openings which 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 0.125-inch to 0.25-inch-diameter (3.2 mm to 6.4 mm) opening for pressure equalization.
5. Tanks shall be purged of vapor and inserted prior to removal.

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