

Minnesota Petrofund Underground Storage Tank Removal Program



How to qualify for the Petrofund Abandoned Underground Storage Tank Removal Program

Applying to have your abandoned tank removed is easy!

There is a simple, three-page application form that you need to complete. You can download this form from the Minnesota Commerce Department website or you can request it via email or phone.

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Leaks from petroleum storage tanks are one of the nation's leading causes of groundwater pollution. To help address this problem, the Minnesota Legislature established a program in the Petroleum Tank Release Cleanup Fund (Petrofund) to pay for the removal of abandoned underground storage tanks across the state.



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What storage tanks are covered by the Petrofund?

Underground petroleum storage tanks that were taken out of service before December 1988 qualify for removal by the Petrofund.

Tanks taken out of service after that date qualify if the owners are able to show they could not have reasonably known of the tank's existence at the time they first acquired the property.

How do I get an abandoned tank removed?

You can apply to the Petrofund for assistance in removing an abandoned underground tank on your property.

Once your application is approved, Minnesota Commerce Department staff will hire private contractors to remove the tank and conduct environmental sampling at no cost to you.

As part of the project, an excavation report will be prepared for the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and you to document the tank removal and environmental sampling work.

What are the owner's responsibilities?

To participate in the Petrofund program, a property owner must agree to:

- Give written permission for the Petrofund and its contractors to access the property where the tank is located
- Release the Petrofund from liability for the work performed.

If a leak is discovered during the tank removal activities and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency determines that you are responsible, you will be required to complete any necessary investigation and cleanup work.

Leak investigation and cleanup work is outside the scope of the free services provided by the Petrofund's Abandoned Underground Storage Tank Removal Program, but the costs for this work are eligible for up to 90% reimbursement from the Petrofund's Petroleum Tank Release Cleanup Program.

