



## Milford Fire Department – Office of the Fire Marshal

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### PRESS RELEASE

#### Milford Fire Marshal's Office - Underground Storage

The Fire Marshal's Office does not have jurisdiction within 1 or 2 Family Dwellings. The removal and installation of any Underground Storage Tanks at 1 or 2 Family Dwellings falls under the jurisdiction of the Building Department, therefore, no fire department plan review is required for any removal or installation of tank(s) in 1 or 2 Family Dwellings.

The removal and installation of any Underground Storage Tanks with any occupancy (other than 1 or 2 Family Dwellings), the Fire Marshal's Office has jurisdiction and a plan review of the removal or installation with subsequent Inspections is required.

As for a removal of tanks in commercial buildings or commercial level tanks, an "Oil Tank Removal" form is required *before* the removal of the tank(s). A member of the Fire Marshal's Office must be present at the time of removal.

A Fire Marshal's plan review is required for commercial building oil tank installation or commercial level oil tanks before the Building Department issues a permit for installation. There is a Fire Department fee attached to the review of plans (usually of \$75.00) and an inspection is required.

1 or 2 Family Dwelling homeowners that wish to remove or abandon oil tanks must contact the Building Department for review/approval. It is important to remember that it is the **homeowner's responsibility** to complete this form and deliver copies of soil sample results to the Building Department. Many companies do complete and deliver the Oil Tank Removal form and soil samples on behalf of the homeowner.

**Once again, Underground Storage Tank removal and installations for 1 or 2 Family Dwellings need to go directly to the Building Department for permitting. The Fire Marshal's Office does not have jurisdiction over 1 or 2 Family Dwellings.**