



Focus on Waste Oil Tanks

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Check your waste oil tank.....most are regulated

According to the Underground Storage Tank (UST) regulations an underground waste oil tank that holds more than 110 gallons is subject to the UST regulations (Chapter 9-76 RCW, Chapter 173, 360 WAC). If your waste oil tank is used as heating oil for consumptive use on the premises, call the Department of Ecology to determine if it's regulated.

What are the requirements for a waste oil tank?

As mentioned, an underground waste oil tank that holds more than 110 gallons is subject to the UST regulations, including corrosion protection, release detection, liability insurance and annual tank fees. If your waste oil tank was not upgraded by the 1998 deadline, it is out of compliance and needs to be permanently closed. To permanently close a tank, you'll need to hire an ICC certified tank decommissioner to close your tank and an ICC certified site assessor to determine if your tank has leaked.

What steps do I take to permanently close my tank?

1. Set up an alternative place to hold the waste oil. You may want to consider using an above ground tank as a temporary or permanent replacement. The company that removes your waste oil may help you with a referral.
2. Have your underground storage tank emptied.
3. Complete the "Closure and Site Assessment Notice" and mark the box indicating "permanent tank closure." Mail the form to the Department of Ecology (the address is on the form).
4. Get written estimates; select an ICC certified tank decommissioner to permanently close your tank, and an ICC certified site assessor to investigate the area your tank occupied.

What forms do I need to mail to the Department of Ecology?

The tank decommissioner and site assessor will complete the following documents and provide them to the owner for signature.

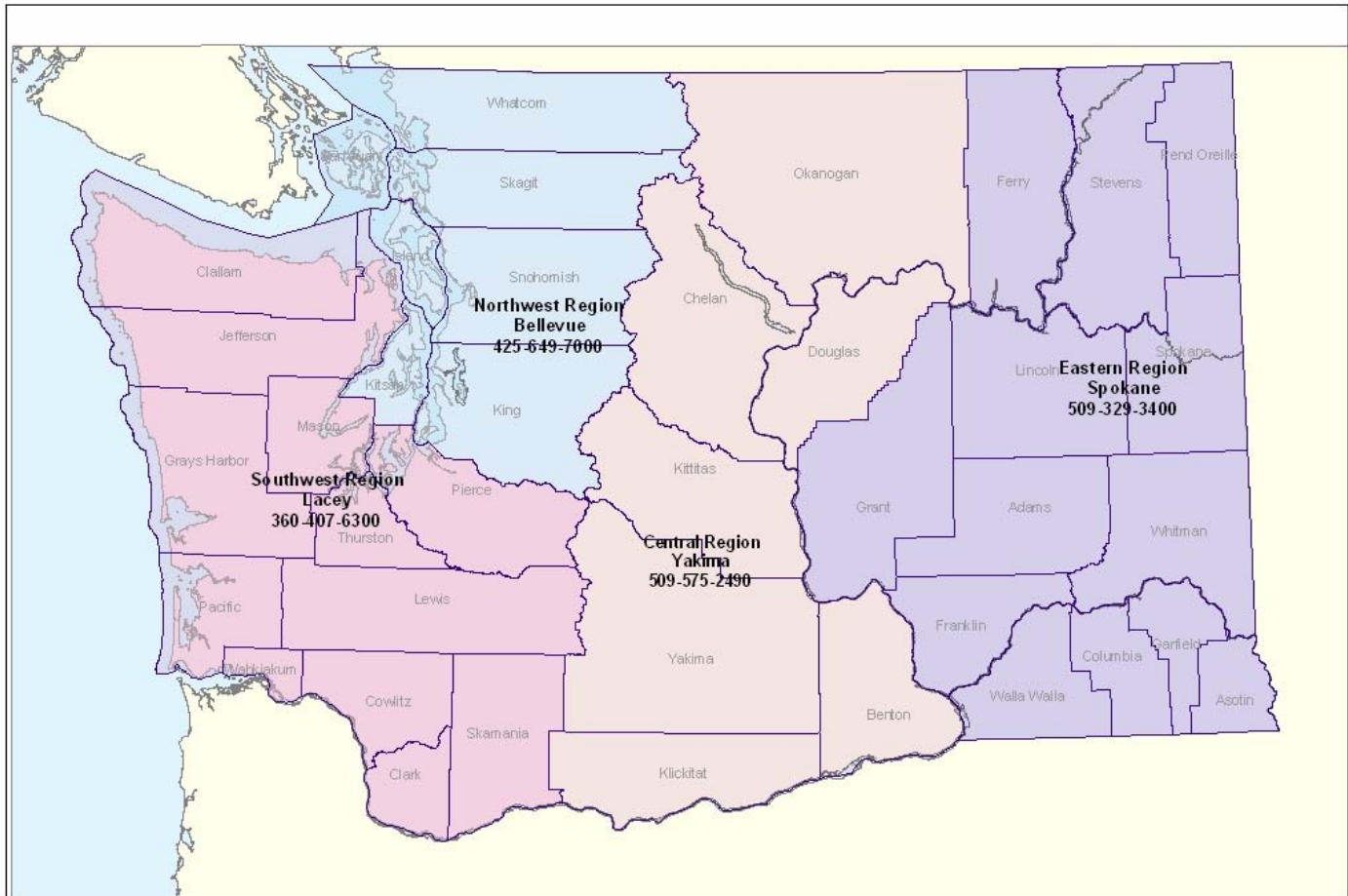
- 30-day Notice form
- Closure and Site Assessment Notice
- Site Check/Site Assessment Checklist
- Site Assessment Report written by the site assessor

Please Note: It is the owner's responsibility to mail the forms to Ecology.

Whom can I contact for technical assistance?

If you have questions or would like technical assistance, please refer to the telephone numbers below for your nearest Ecology regional office.

Washington State Department of Ecology Regional Offices



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