



Focus on **Check Your Farm Tank...It May Be Regulated**

from Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Program

What is a Farm Tank?

- A "farm tank" is an underground-storage tank located on a tract of land devoted to the production of crops or raising animals.
- The tank(s) must be located on the farm property and used for farm purposes.
- "Farm" includes fish hatcheries, rangeland and nurseries with growing operations. It does not include laboratories where animals are raised, land used to grow timber, pesticide-aviation operations, retail stores or garden centers where nursery products are marketed but not grown, cemeteries, golf courses, or other facilities dedicated primarily non-agricultural activities, such as recreation or aesthetics.

What are the Requirements of a Farm Tank

If you own or operate an underground storage farm tank that holds more than 1,100 gallons, it's regulated by the state Department of Ecology and is subject to the Underground Storage Tank regulations: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/pubs/wac173360.pdf>

Therefore, your tank must be registered with the state and meet the Dec. 22, 1998, compliance requirements associated with all regulated tanks. Therefore, an underground farm tank greater than 1,100 gallons must meet the same criteria as a 20,000-gallon tank at the local gas station.

Petroleum distributors must follow the same regulations when delivering product to an underground farm tank as when delivering product to a major gas station. Delivery to a tank that is out of compliance and/or not permitted is a violation of the Underground Storage Tank law and subjects the distributor, as well as the owner and operator, to penalties and fines.

Questions or Technical Assistance

If you have questions or concerns or would like technical assistance on your underground-storage tanks, please refer to the telephone numbers below, for your local Ecology office.

Central Regional Office, in Yakima: (509) 575-2490

Eastern Regional Office, in Spokane: (509) 329-3400

Northwest Regional Office, in Bellevue: (425) 649-7000

Southwest Regional Office, in Lacey: (360) 407-6300

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