

LEWISVILLE

UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK REMOVAL

Any tank owner, who intends to permanently remove their underground storage tank, must give thirty (30) days prior notice to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). This must include the proposed procedures and a schedule for removing the tank(s). Further guidance is contained in Texas Administrative Code 31, Chapter 334 and in API 1604 which may be obtained from the American Petroleum Institute at (202) 682-8000.

For additional information regarding the Commission's regulatory program, contact TCEQ at (512)239-2160.

The City of Lewisville requirements for removal of an underground storage tank are found in the 2000 International Fire Code, Section 3404.2.14.1 & 3404.1.14.2

Tanks are to be removed as follows:

- 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 when the Code Official determines that removal is not practical. Abandoned piping shall be capped and safeguarded as required by the Code Official.

- 4) Tank openings shall be capped or plugged, leaving an 1/8th inch to 1/4 inch diameter opening for pressure equalization.
- 5) Tanks shall be purged of vapor and inerted prior to removal.

Please call Fire Prevention at (972) 219-3462 to schedule an inspection prior to the removal of the underground storage tank(s). The permit fee is \$50.00 per tank.