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<http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/wastediv/ust/home.htm>

Frequently Asked Questions

Does the state of Vermont offer any assistance to remove tanks? Yes, the State’s Petroleum Cleanup Fund (PCF) offers grants to residential tank owners towards the removal, replacement, or upgrade of underground storage tanks (USTs) and aboveground storage tanks (ASTs) used to *heat a residence* located in Vermont.

How much are the grant? The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) *may* authorize reimbursement up to \$2000 per grant based on household income.

How do I get a grant? Homeowners must apply for a grant. Applications can be obtained by either by contacting 802-241-3888 or from our website: <http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/wastediv/ust/ustgrantapplication.htm>.

Are there income guidelines? Grants are awarded based on environmental risk and income. Those applicants with lower incomes (see chart below) replacing an at-risk aboveground storage tank (AST) will be given the highest priority. The DEC will inform the applicant in writing when a grant is approved. Higher income applicants will likely have their applications held until the end of the fiscal year, if we still have funds then we will award grants to higher income applicants(work may be done before knowing if you will get a grant).

2009 Weatherization Income Eligibility Guidelines

County	Number of Persons in Household							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Addison	\$27,960	\$31,980	\$36,620	\$44,100	\$51,580	\$59,060	\$66,540	\$74,020
Bennington	\$26,100	\$31,980	\$36,620	\$44,100	\$51,580	\$59,060	\$66,540	\$74,020
Caledonia Essex Lamoille Orleans Rutland	\$25,800	\$29,460	\$36,620	\$44,100	\$51,580	\$59,060	\$66,540	\$74,020
Chittenden Franklin Grand Isle	\$31,560	\$36,060	\$40,560	\$45,060	\$51,580	\$59,060	\$66,540	\$74,020
Orange	\$25,860	\$29,580	\$36,620	\$44,100	\$51,580	\$59,060	\$66,540	\$74,020
Washington	\$28,500	\$32,580	\$36,660	\$44,100	\$51,580	\$59,060	\$66,540	\$74,020
Windham	\$25,980	\$29,640	\$36,620	\$44,100	\$51,580	\$59,060	\$66,540	\$74,020
Windsor	\$26,880	\$30,720	\$36,620	\$44,100	\$51,580	\$59,060	\$66,540	\$74,020

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Does the application need to be filed/approved before the work is done? No, you may apply to be reimbursed after the work has been completed. If your application is approved you will be reimbursed. The work must have been completed within the previous 6 months.

I have a tank in my basement is that an underground tank? No it is not. If it's standing your basement it is considered an aboveground storage tank or AST

I have a tank buried in my yard is there any special sampling required of the soil or groundwater? Yes, the UST removals participating or hope to participate in the grant must have an environmental site assessment. The site assessment must be conducted at the same time as the removal by a qualified consultant (a list may be obtained from the website: <http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/wastediv/ust/home.htm>, see quick links on the right of the page or by contacting WMD at 802-241-3888)

We own a second home in VT and would like to replace the tank, can we apply for a grant? Regardless if the tank you want to remove is underground or aboveground, you can apply but your application will not be high priority. The application will be held until the end of the Fiscal Year (June) and if there is money or if a grant becomes available then we review all grants that are being held to fill grant slots.

I stopped using my UST some years ago and have been using an AST do I still need to have a certified plumber check out the AST? Yes, in order to receive a grant there is a check list that gets completed. A certified plumber completes the checklist.

I have had the work done, now what do I do to get my money

If you have been awarded a grant, please use the list below to assist you in submitting the required paperwork *after* the work has been done:

- Copies of the invoices for the work (NO PROPSALS, QUOTES, ESTIMATES will be accepted)
- Copies of cancelled checks or credit card statement (No business checks or business credit cards)
- Environmental assessment report (*this is for UST removals only, does not apply to AST grant applicants*)
- AST installation checklist for any aboveground tank has been installed as a replacement heat source for the residence or *existing* tank installed at an earlier time, regardless of age.

How long will it be before I see a check? Expect between 6-8 weeks

Who do I contact about grants?

UST Grant	AST Grant
Susan Thayer, susan.thayer@state.vt.us	Maria Stadlmayer, maria.stadlmayer@state.vt.us
802-241-2361	802-241-3881

To reach us by mail our address is: VT DEC, Waste Management Division, 103 S. Main, West Office Building, Waterbury, VT 05671-0404

IMPORTANT NOTE: Petroleum releases discovered during tank closure, removal, or upgrade **MUST BE REPORTED** to the DEC, Waste Management Division at 802.241.3888. Contaminated soil or groundwater constitutes evidence of a release. Petroleum odors in the soil, petroleum sheen on groundwater, or visible oil are examples of contamination. If there is no private insurance coverage for the costs of cleanup, the PCF may cover eligible cleanup and investigation costs EXCEPT for a deductible of \$250 for home heating oil tanks.