

LP/Propane and Oil Tanks

All information in this handout pertains to 1 and 2 family residential tanks. The Town of Simsbury is offering this informational handout as representative of typical issues/questions that may arise on a typical job. It does not represent the full code text. The Town assumes no responsibility for any errors, omissions, and the installer is required to follow all applicable state and local codes. For additional information please refer to the 2012 IRC and Connecticut State Building code.

Oil Tanks

If the oil tank will be located on a property located in the Town Aquifer Protection Zone (can be verified on <http://simsbury.mapxpress.net/>) **or** a private well is located on the property than secondary containment is required.

This can include:

- Cement Floor (without a sump pump or drainage access to outside)
- A double walled storage tank (i.e. Roth) with overfill alarms if sump pump or permeable floor are present or exterior location

Please note: No new underground oil tanks are permitted in the Town of Simsbury. Any replacements must be like size or smaller. A waiver is required if located on property in the Town Aquifer Protection Zone or a private well is located on the property.

Permit Requirements

Building Permit Application signed by owner or licensed contractor and fee paid (\$14.26 per \$1,000 of project cost) that includes location of tank and size for installation or removal. In addition:

Exterior Above Ground Propane or Oil tanks:

- Zoning Compliance Form should completed (\$25 application fee) with tank shown on plot plan
- Location of septic (FVHD.org) or sewer line

Underground Propane tanks:

- Zoning Compliance Form should completed (\$25 application fee) with tank shown on plot plan
- Location of septic (FVHD.org) or sewer line

Removal of any underground tanks:

- Zoning Compliance Form completed (\$25 application fee) with tank shown on plot plan
- Documentation of proper disposal or abandonment

Possible Inspections Required:

1. Gas test for LP/Propane tanks prior to connection to appliance
2. Trench inspection prior to back filling
3. Tank inspection prior to backfill if underground
4. Final inspection after installation

**For additional information please refer to the
Code of the Town of Simsbury, 2015 IRC and Connecticut State Building code**