

Home Renovation Savings Program – Oil/Propane Tank Removal Attestation Form

1. Overview

The Home Renovation Savings Program is a residential energy efficiency and demand-management program jointly offered and administered in Ontario by Enbridge Gas Inc. and the Independent Electricity System Operator (the “**Program Administrators**”). The Home Renovation Savings Program – Heat Pump Program Stream (the “**Program Stream**”) offers eligible participants with financial incentives towards the purchase or rental of high-efficiency heat pumps to help manage their energy use more effectively.

The Program Stream requires that homeowners with oil heated homes transition their home heating system to an electric heat pump system and maintain, empty and/or remove their oil aboveground storage tank (“**AST**”) or underground storage tank (“**UST**”) (each, a “**Storage Tank**”) and associated piping in accordance with all applicable laws (overview below). For propane heated homes, homeowners can elect to maintain a hybrid heating system with both a heat pump system and propane heating system, provided that they maintain, empty and/or remove their propane Storage Tank and associated piping in accordance with applicable laws.

This attestation form identifies certain safety considerations and regulatory requirements associated with keeping a Storage Tank in place following the installation of a heat pump system and certain regulatory requirements applicable to removing a Storage Tank if it is no longer in use. Homeowners are required to certify below that they have read and understood this information.

This information is provided without warranty of any kind, express or implied by the Program Administrators. The Program Administrators do not warrant that this information is accurate or complete and the Program Administrators shall not be liable for any costs, expenses, fees or damages arising from its use. Additional requirements which govern your participation in this Program Stream are available [here](#) (the “**Program Stream Requirements**”).

2. Safety and Environmental Concerns

There are regulatory, safety and environmental risks with keeping a Storage Tank after it is put out of use. These include:

- Oil/propane Storage Tanks deteriorate over time, leading to the risk of leaks, spills or structural failure. If there is a leak or a spill from an oil/propane Storage Tank, Ontario legislation requires a homeowner to immediately report the spill to regulatory authorities¹. In addition, with the assistance of qualified persons, the homeowner is required to: (i) complete an assessment of the spill or leak and its impact; (ii) repair, replace or remove the Storage Tank and associated equipment; (iii) recover and appropriately dispose of any escaped product; and (iv) manage and remediate the environmental impact. Failure to meet these requirements may result in compliance and enforcement actions being taken against a homeowner by regulatory authorities.
- Potential safety and environmental hazards, including fire hazard, if not properly maintained or in the event of accident.
- Risk of soil, sewer, surface water, and groundwater contamination due to leaks or spills, posing health hazards to residents and substantial rehabilitation costs. Large leaks or spills of fuel oil, for example, can result in significant remediation costs to rehabilitate affected areas. Under Ontario law, owners of Storage Tanks are responsible for the cost of remediation associated with a leak or spill. The equipment, including piping, associated with a Storage Tank may contain asbestos containing materials (ACMs). If the

¹ Depending on the circumstances, spill and leak reporting is required to be made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (“MECP”), the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (“TSSA”) and certain other parties. Spill reporting to the MECP and TSSA is completed by contacting the Spills Action Centre of the MECP at 1-800-268-6060.

equipment contains ACMs, a qualified asbestos removal company should be used to ensure the removal and disposal of the ACMs is completed in accordance with all applicable laws and other requirements.

3. Removal Requirements

When a homeowner transitions its home heating system to a heat pump, there are legal and regulatory requirements that may apply to the maintenance, emptying and/or removal of the oil or propane Storage Tank.

For example, for smaller ASTs (less than 2,500 L in size), the fuel must be removed, the AST must be marked as empty, and all openings to the AST must be plugged or capped. For USTs and large ASTs (greater than 2,500 L in size), if the UST or AST is not used for more than 180 days, the owner of the UST or AST must empty the tank and associated piping and make the tank and connected piping vapour free. If the UST or large AST is not used for more than three years, the owner of the UST or AST must remove the AST or UST and all associated piping.²

If the oil UST or large AST (greater than 2,500 L in size) is located on federal lands, including reserve lands, requirements related to maintaining, emptying and/or removing the UST or AST set out in the [Storage Tank Systems for Petroleum Products and Allied Petroleum Products Regulations \(SOR/2008-197\)](#), may apply.

All work performed to comply with the relevant legal requirements must be completed by a TSSA registered contractor. Participants should work with TSSA registered contractors to meet all regulatory requirements associated with maintaining, emptying and/or removing Storage Tanks. A registered contractor is responsible for ensuring compliance with the Technical Standards and Safety Act, all relevant regulations, and all applicable safety orders and guidance.

If the homeowner of an oil-heated home believes that the oil Storage Tank and associated heating-related equipment is needed for back-up or emergency purposes, please contact the Program Administrators at heatpump@homerenovationsavings.ca.

Resources:

- [Technical Standards and Safety Act, 2000](#)
- [Ontario Regulation 213/01: Fuel Oil](#)
- [Ontario Regulation 212/01: Gaseous Fuels](#)
- [Fuel Oil Code Adoption Document Amendment](#)
- [Environmental Management Protocol for Fuel Handling Sites in Ontario](#)
- [Report Pollution and Spills – Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks](#)
- [Storage Tank Systems for Petroleum Products and Allied Petroleum Products Regulations \(SOR/2008-197\)](#)

² USTs may remain in place for more than three years if a variance has been obtained from the TSSA.

4. Oil or Propane Tank Removal Guidance Customer Attestation

I, the homeowner, certify that I have read and understood the guidance provided regarding the decision to remove an oil/propane Storage Tank after transitioning to a heat pump system. I affirm that the decisions and actions I will take regarding the oil/propane Storage Tank will be in compliance with all safety considerations, environmental concerns, and regulatory requirements, including those outlined in this attestation and the Program Stream Requirements. Where required, I acknowledge my responsibility to dispose of the oil/propane Storage Tank in accordance with all relevant federal, provincial, and municipal laws, regulations, and codes. I further acknowledge that in no circumstances shall the Program Administrators be liable for any direct, indirect, incidental or consequential costs, expenses, fees or damages arising out of or in connection with the removal of my Storage Tank, or my decision to keep the Storage Tank in place following installation of the heat pump system.

Participant Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____