



Fact Sheet

The Most Important Things New Underground Storage Tank Owners Need to Know

Underground storage tank systems are regulated to reduce the probability of leaks that can contaminate water and soil. As a new owner of a UST system, you have responsibilities to keep your equipment operating safely.

1. Submit an Owner Modification Form

Within 30 days of purchasing a UST facility, you must submit a [General Permit Registration Form to Modify Tank Owner, Permittee or Property Owner Information](#).

2. Know the rules

You are responsible for all of the requirements laid out in [Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 340, Divisions 150, 151 and 160](#).

3. Maintain your testing records

You must continue to test your UST system on the same established schedule. Make sure you have complete testing records from the previous owner. DEQ inspectors will need to see all of the records since the last time your system was inspected.

4. Get trained

UST facilities must have trained Class A, B and C operators. [View the list of approved training vendors](#).

5. Submit proof of financial responsibility

You must continuously maintain pollution liability insurance or other financial responsibility as evidence of the ability to pay for cleanup or third-party liability compensation that results from a UST release. Each time you renew your policy, you must submit proof of financial responsibility to DEQ. For more information, refer to [EPA guidance](#).

6. Read *Musts For USTs*

EPA has published a useful guide to operating UST systems safely: [Musts For USTs](#).

7. Request a technical assistance inspection

First-time UST owners may request a visit from a DEQ inspector who will go over all of the requirements pertaining to your system with you. [Visit DEQ's Technical Assistance for USTs page.](#)

8. Send us Your email address

DEQ is moving to an online system for processing UST forms and certificates in 2022. To help us get it ready for you, register your email address in our [Underground Storage Tank Facility Email Survey.](#)

9. When in doubt, ask!

DEQ inspectors are available to answer your questions about compliance. We want to help you keep your system running safely.

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