

DISPOSAL OF OIL STORAGE TANKS



If you have an oil storage tank on your property that needs to be disposed of, it is vital that the correct procedures are followed. Tanks that are incorrectly disposed of can leak oil into the ground, which could flow into the streams and water courses in the water catchment area.

Water from the catchment area flows into our storage reservoirs, then onto our water treatment works where the water is cleaned and prepared for drinking. However, the hydrocarbon molecules that make up oil are too small to be removed by our treatment processes, so they remain in the water that is delivered to your tap - this is why it is vital to dispose of oil storage tanks correctly.

■ 250 GALLON (1000 LITRE) OIL STORAGE TANKS

Tanks of this volume or less can be removed on request via the Bulk Refuse Disposal Scheme, operated by the Public Services Department. Please fill in and return the form below to arrange the safe disposal of your oil tank. If you have any queries about this, you can contact Bulk Refuse Disposal Scheme staff on telephone number 717227. Oil tanks larger than this size or from a winery or industrial site will not be removed under this scheme - please see '[Other Oil Tank Sizes](#)'.

Collection of oil storage tanks through the Bulk Refuse Scheme usually takes 3/4 weeks from receipt of the application form. Tanks which are to be removed MUST be drained of oil. In order to have any remaining oil residues pumped out, please contact St Peter Port Services (telephone number 716580). Please be aware that there is a charge for this service.

■ OTHER OIL TANK SIZES

Guernsey Recycling Ltd (Telephone: 245402) will accept tanks of any size provided that they have been drained of oil, vented and are free of lagging.

The burial of any type of tank is unacceptable, and is in contravention of Section 4 (1) (c) of "The States Water Supply (Prevention of Pollution) Ordinance, 1966."

Permission must be obtained from Guernsey Water before any disused oil tanks already installed underground are decommissioned. They must be professionally cleaned and filled with material approved by Guernsey Water. All works must also be carried out according to any relevant requirements of Health and Safety Executive.



■ BULK REFUSE DISPOSAL SCHEME - APPLICATION FORM

Application for the free disposal of oil storage tanks. Tanks must be accessible, ready for removal and empty.

Please return fully completed form to: **Bulk Refuse Scheme, Public Services Department, Sir Charles Frossard House, PO Box 43, La Charroterie, St Peter Port, GY1 1FH.**

Name Collection Address

Helpful Directions

Daytime Tel No Mobile No

Do you wish to be notified prior to removal? Yes No

Signature