

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 storage reservoirs, then onto the water treatment works where the water is cleaned and prepared for drinking. However, the hydrocarbon molecules in 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

Domestic tanks of this volume (or smaller) can be removed through the Bulk Refuse scheme operated by the Public Services Department. Oil tanks to be collected must be drained of oil. The £15.00 fee payable covers collection of up to 5 items. Please read the notes overleaf and either complete the form below or go to www.gov.gg/bulkrefuse to complete an online application. If you have any queries, please contact Bulk Refuse staff on Tel: 717227.

■ OTHER OIL TANK SIZES

Oil tanks larger than 250 gallons (1000 litres) or from a vinery/industrial site will not be removed by Bulk Refuse. Guernsey Recycling (Tel: 245402) will accept **metal** tanks of any size provided they have been drained of oil, vented and are free of lagging (a charge applies). Empty **non-metal** tanks larger than 1000 litres may be submitted to Mont Cuet landfill site (a charge applies).

The burial of any type of tank is unacceptable, and is in contravention of Section 1 of "The Prevention of Pollution (Guernsey) Law, 1989."

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 the Health and Safety Executive (Tel: 234567).



■ BULK REFUSE SCHEME - APPLICATION FORM *(Please read notes above/overleaf before completing this form.)*

Title: _____ First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Collection Address: _____

Helpful Directions: _____

Daytime Tel No: _____ Mobile Tel No: _____

Do you wish to be notified prior to removal? (Please tick) Yes No

Items: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____ 5) _____

Please specify if oil tanks are metal or non-metal. Items should be out and ready for removal. Oil tanks must be empty.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

The £15.00 fee must be submitted with this form. Cheques payable to 'The States of Guernsey'.

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

Please read the below BEFORE making an application to have items removed.

1. If you have internet access, you can make your application and pay online at www.gov.gg/bulkrefuse.
2. The Bulk Refuse scheme is for household use only. No commercial applications please.
3. By completing and signing this form you are confirming that you are the owner of the items involved. Any instance of misrepresenting the owner may be a criminal offence.
4. Household items that have not reached the end of their useful life might be able to be reused by someone else. Before submitting a bulk refuse application, please consider whether other options such as gifting the item through the Guernsey Press' Cycle scheme might be possible. Alternatively, reusable domestic wood and metal furniture (no upholstery or soft furnishings) may be taken free of charge to the Longue Hougue Waste Recycling Facility where they may be scavenged by other people.
5. You can deliver smaller household items that are easily transportable in a private car (e.g. microwaves, vacuum cleaners etc) for recycling/disposal (as appropriate) yourself. Metal and electrical items and reusable wood items may be taken free of charge to the Longue Hougue Waste Recycling Facility. Items that cannot be recycled can be taken to the Mont Cuet landfill site for disposal where a small charge will apply, based on the scale of £1 per black bag or black-bag equivalent.
6. Please submit only one form at a time.
7. Bulk refuse does not collect cardboard, garden waste, car batteries, tyres or pianos. This list is not exhaustive and other items may be refused if considered inappropriate to the scheme. Items that are not deemed suitable for a bulk refuse collection either at the point of application or at the time of collection will not be collected.
8. Items should be outside, accessible and ready for collection at the time the team calls to the property. You do not, therefore, need to be at home at the time. (Should you live somewhere where it would be problematic to leave your items outside the property (e.g. if your property opens directly onto the road etc), telephone the Bulk Refuse team on 717227 to discuss.)
9. Items that will increase in weight if they get wet (e.g. mattresses, carpets etc) should be protected from the rain. If an item to be collected is waterlogged at the time of calling to the property, the collection team may require it to be dried out before the collection can be made.
10. If at the time of calling to your property your item(s) cannot be collected for any reason, the collection team will endeavour to leave an explanatory ticket for your attention.
11. Certain items carry particular requirements:
 - Cast iron baths – must be broken into 2 pieces prior to collection.
 - Carpets/lino – must be presented in easily manageable lengths.
 - Boilers – please specify on the form whether or not the boiler could be easily managed by two people (lifting onto a truck and manoeuvring it when on the truck)
 - Oil tanks – maximum of 250 gallons / 1000 Litres. Specify on your form if the tank is metal or not.
12. Please contact us at the earliest opportunity if you decide to cancel your collection.

Very Bulky/Heavy Items

13. Some items, by virtue either of their size or weight, cannot be collected by our standard truck teams. Such items include oil tanks; agas/similar; American-Style (side-by-side) fridge-freezers; large boilers etc. If your form contains such an item, that particular item will be referred to a separate contractor for collection. Items should be outside, accessible and ready for collection at the time the contractor calls to the property.
14. If you have applied for other items on the same form, please note that those other items will be collected on a separate occasion.
15. Oil tanks must be empty. You can arrange for any remaining residues to be pumped out by calling St Peter Port Services (Telephone 716580). Please be aware that there is a charge for this service.