



## New Emergency Generator Tank Owner Guidance

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**I am getting an emergency generator that will be powered by petroleum product that is stored in a storage tank (e.g., gasoline or diesel fuel). What Florida Department of Environmental Protection (Department) rule do I need to follow?**

- Rules for Aboveground Storage Tank Systems – [Chapter 62-762](#), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).
- Rules for Underground Storage Tank Systems see [Chapter 62-761](#), F.A.C.

**What size petroleum storage tanks are regulated by the Department?**

- Stationary aboveground tanks with a capacity greater than 550 gallons.
- Underground storage tanks with a capacity greater than 110 gallons.

**My tank will be regulated. In general, what do I need to know for installation and start-up purposes?**

- Your storage tank system equipment will need to be listed on the Department's [Equipment Approval/Registration List](#), see Rules 62-762.851(2) or 62-761.850(2), F.A.C.
- You will need to contact the inspector in the county where your storage tank will be located ([Storage Tank District and County Contact List](#)), and provide 30 to 45 day prior notice of the installation of the storage tank. In addition, you will need to provide 48- to 72-hour prior confirmation notification to the inspector, see Rules 62-762.411 or 62-761.405, F.A.C.
- Your storage tank will need to be registered with the Department per Rules 62-762.401 or 62-761.400, F.A.C.:
  - Storage tanks at new facilities (those without a current Facility #) must be registered through the Online Services Business Portal [ESSA](#) no later than 30 days prior to installation, or you can submit the [Storage Tank Facility Registration Form](#) in electronic or paper format to the Registration Section. To contact a Storage Tank Registration Representative call (850) 245-8839, or [tankregistration@floridadep.gov](mailto:tankregistration@floridadep.gov); or
  - Storage tanks at facilities with existing registered storage tanks can register the new storage tank(s) seven days prior to placing fuel into the storage tank.
- If you are installing an underground storage tank then the storage tank must be installed by a Pollutant Storage System Contractor, licensed by the [Department of Business and Professional Regulation](#) per Rule 62-761.500(1)(h), F.A.C.
- You will need to provide Financial Responsibility for your storage tank system. See Rules 62-762.421 or 62-761.420, F.A.C., and the [Financial Responsibility](#) website.

## **What additional equipment and start-up requirements in general will apply to my emergency generator storage tank?**

- In accordance with Rules 62-762.501 or 62-761.500, F.A.C., your storage tank will need to have the following:
  - Secondary containment, spill containment, and overflow protection, and go through start-up testing to ensure integrity/proper operation;
  - Small diameter integral piping, if in contact with soil or over the waters of the state, shall have secondary containment and go through start-up testing to ensure integrity;
  - Storage tank systems shall have a method or combination of methods of release detection that can detect a new release from any portion of the storage tank system, and release detection devices are required to have start-up operability testing; and,
  - Remember other federal, state, or local requirements may apply.

Additional Links: [Storage Tank Compliance](#) main page; [Storage Tank System Rules, Forms and Reference Guidelines](#); [Storage Tank Equipment Registration](#) website; [Storage Tank Facility Registration](#) website.

***For questions or to request assistance from DEP in this matter, please contact the appropriate district and ask for Storage Tank Compliance:***

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