

**Permit Requirements  
Aboveground Tank Removal**

**Kern County Fire Department**



Office of the Fire Marshal ~ Fire Prevention  
2820 M St. ~ Bakersfield, CA 93301  
Telephone (661) 391-3310 ~ Fax (661) 636-0466/67  
**Website:** kerncountyfire.org  
**Email:** fireprevention@kerncountyfire.org

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**Please include completed Application for Permit (KCFD 200) with submittal**

**Fee Amount: \$145.00**

**Fee Code: 1.4.2**

The intent of this document is to aid in the construction permitting process including Change of Use/Occupancy for an aboveground tank removal permit within commercial buildings or tenant spaces regarding what should be submitted for the Fire Marshal's Office review. Because every building differs, the applicant **SHALL** follow **CFC Ch57 section 5704.2.14 and 5704.2.14.2(disposal)** for any construction under review. Other Fire Department operational permits may be required.

1. Permits for Aboveground Tank Removal shall be applied for at 2820 M St., Bakersfield, CA 93301.
2. Fee shall be submitted at time of application submittal. Make check payable to Kern County Fire Department. **Visa and MasterCard accepted.**
3. Removal of aboveground and underground tanks shall be in accordance with all of the following:
  - a. Flammable and combustible liquids shall be removed from the tank and connected piping.
  - b. Piping at tank openings that is not to be used further shall be disconnected.
  - c. Piping shall be removed from the ground.  
Exception: Piping is allowed to be abandoned in place where the fire code official determines that removal is not practical. Abandoned piping shall be capped and safeguarded as required by the fire code official.
  - d. Tank openings shall be capped or plugged, leaving a 1/8-inch to 1/4-inch-diameter (3.2 mm to 6.4 mm) opening for pressure equalization.
  - e. Tanks shall be purged of vapor and inerted prior to removal.
  - f. All exterior above-grade fill and vent piping shall be permanently removed.  
Exception: Piping associated with bulk plants, terminal facilities and refineries.
4. Disposal: Tanks shall be disposed of in accordance with federal, state and local regulations.

Additional Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:**

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