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	<b>Burnaby</b> City of	<b>Coquitlam</b> City of	<b>Maple Ridge</b> District of	<b>New Westminster</b> City of	<b>North Vancouver</b> City of
<b>Bylaw</b>	<a href="#">Burnaby Fire Services Bylaw, 2004, No. 11860</a>	<a href="#">City of Coquitlam Fire Prevention Bylaw, 2005, No. 3712</a>	<a href="#">Maple Ridge Fire Prevention Bylaw, 1988, No. 4111</a>	<a href="#">Fire Protection Bylaw, 2004, No. 6940</a>	<a href="#">Fire Bylaw, 2005, No. 7709</a>
<b>Inspection fee and permit for removal</b>	\$50	Phone for Information	\$20	\$100	\$80 for first hour, \$50 for subsequent hours or part of
<b>Fire Department oversees</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Leaking / Abandonment in place Guidelines (in addition to BC Fire Code requirements)</b>	<a href="#">Burnaby Building Department Oil Tank Bulletin</a>	No	<a href="#">BC Fire Code: Removal of Underground Storage Tanks</a>	<a href="#">Oil Tanks Info Residential Underground Storage Tanks Brochure</a>	No
<b>Owner must remediate and pass an inspection</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Unpaid costs, penalties/fees added to property taxes</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Municipality / Fire Department may add a notation on the property title / or has database</b>	Building Department has database related to permits that may have been issued to install a tank. Ph: 604.294.7130  Fire Department has database of tanks removed. Ph: 604.294.7195	Fire Department has database of tanks removed. Ph: 604.927.6411	Fire Department has database of tanks removed. Ph: 604.463.5880	Fire Department has database of tanks removed. Ph: 604.519.1004	Fire Department has database of tanks removed. Ph: 604.904.5213

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<b>Bylaw</b>	<a href="#">Fire Bylaw 2004, No. 7481</a>	<a href="#">Fire Protection and Life Safety Bylaw, 2005, No. 2405</a>	<a href="#">Fire and Emergency Services Bylaw, 2006, No. 3562</a>	<a href="#">Fire Protection and Emergency Response Bylaw, 2010, No. 2835</a>	<a href="#">Fire Protection and Life Safety Bylaw, 2008, No. 8306</a>
<b>Inspection fee and permit for removal</b>	\$70	\$100	\$100		\$80
<b>Fire Department oversees</b>		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Leaking / Abandonment in place Guidelines (in addition to BC Fire Code requirements)</b>	<a href="#">Residential Underground Storage Tank (RUST) Policy</a>	No	No		No
<b>Owner must remediate and pass an inspection</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Unpaid costs, penalties/fees added to property taxes</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Municipality / Fire Department may add a notation on the property title / or has database</b>	Customer Service Department has database of properties with tanks or tanks that have been removed (not comprehensive). Ph: 604.990.2311	Building Department has files with information about tanks removed. Ph: 604.465.2428	Fire Department has limited information, based on permits issued since the year 2000. Ph: 604.927.5466	Fire Department has limited information and is creating a database. Ph: 604.469.7795	Fire Department has information about tanks removed. Ph: 604.278.5131

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<b>Bylaw</b>	<a href="#">City of Vancouver Fire Bylaw, 2000, No. 8191</a>  <a href="#">Sewer and Watercourse Bylaw, 1999, No. 8093</a>	<a href="#">Fire Protection and Emergency Response Bylaw, 2004, No. 4366</a>
<b>Inspection fee and permit for removal</b>	\$300	\$315
<b>Fire Department oversees</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>Leaking / Abandonment in place Guidelines (in addition to BC Fire Code requirements)</b>	<a href="#">Bulletin 2014-001-ECT Residential Underground Storage Tank Removal</a>	<a href="#">Fuel Storage Tank Information</a>
<b>Owner must remediate and pass an inspection</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>Unpaid costs, penalties/fees added to property taxes</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>Municipality / Fire Department may add a notation on the property title / or has database</b>	Property Information Department has a database. Ph: 604.873.7000	Fire Department maintains a database. Ph: 604.925.7370