

Gas Tank Policy

1. All tanks must be installed by a licensed individual or a licensed gas company. The owner is responsible both to ensure the installers have applied for a permit if it is required, and to ensure the installation is in compliance with current codes.
2. All tanks must have a platform base made from either a poured concrete or concrete blocks. If blocks are used, they shall be installed two levels deep with the lowest level at least partially buried in the sand to stabilize the unit.
3. All tanks need to be strapped in place regardless of size.
4. All tanks should be enclosed with a non-combustible (Fire Marshal suggested fire resistant pvc, but no requirement for material) fencing that is at least 9 inches off the ground to ensure it is properly ventilated. It also needs to be open at the top for proper ventilation. The tanks need to be serviced annually and checked to ensure surface rust does not become pitted and rot out causing a leak. Servicing may include brushing off surface rust and repainting as appropriate. Inspection and servicing, including the possibility of rust removal and repainting brushed areas as necessary, should be completed annually by October 15th. A copy of the inspection and work must be submitted to the office not later than that date. Servicing must be done by the licensed gas company or other licensed service person. Lack of compliance will result in the Association having the gas disconnected, tanks emptied, and the cost charged to the owner. **Gas can be very dangerous if not maintained properly.**
5. Reminder to owners: a permit is required from New Hanover County for installation of all tanks 200 or more pounds. In addition, permits may be required for any changes to the current installation.

All existing and new tanks must comply with this policy