

# PLIA's Heating Oil Pollution Liability Insurance Program

## Why You Should Register

- Property owners are responsible for cleaning up contamination if their tank leaks.
- Pollution coverage is often not available from homeowner's insurance companies.
- The coverage is free of charge to the owner. There is no premium or deductible required.

## What Is Covered By This Insurance

- PLIA will pay up to \$60,000 to cleanup contamination, not covered by other insurance, on your property and/or a neighboring property.
- The contamination must come from a leak that starts **after** a heating oil tank is registered with us. The tank may be underground, aboveground, or in a basement.
- The tank must be registered in the current owner's name.
- Reimbursement up to \$1,500 to repair damages on neighboring property (third party coverage), such as landscaping, flooring, painting, etc.

## What Is Not Covered

- Leaks from abandoned or decommissioned tanks, or other sources.
- Leaks that start before registering with PLIA.
- Property restoration on your property (first party coverage).
- Removal/repair/replacement of the tank/lines/furnace (this does not include reimbursement of new tank replacement costs according to RCW 70.149.120).
- Emergency heat restoration.
- Heating oil lost in the release.

## Success Of The Program

This program began in January 1, 1996. As of December 2007, we have cleaned up more than 1,000 sites and spent more than \$10 million on claims.

## Registration Information

- To register, you must complete and return the form on the reverse side of this brochure to PLIA.
- We will mail you a confirmation of registration within 14 days.
- If you do not receive a confirmation letter within 14 days, please call us at **1-800-822-3905** or **(360) 586-5997**.
- You must be registered with us **before** the leak starts in order for the cleanup to be covered.

## How Claims Are Filed

If you discover a leak you must call us at **1-800-822-3905** or **(360) 586-5997**. Owners have 30 calendar days from the date their registered tank is abandoned or decommissioned to file a claim.

- We will investigate the claim, which may include taking photos of your property and the failed tank.
- You must hire a contractor to do the cleanup from the list we will provide to you.
- All work must be approved by us before the work begins.

*The information in this publication does not include all the information in the insurance policy or rules governing the Heating Oil Pollution Liability Insurance Program (chapter 374-70 Washington Administrative Code). We will provide these documents to you if you need to file a claim, or at your request.*



## Published by:

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# Registration Form

Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Address where tank is located:

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about our program (website, newspaper, neighbor, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

Will the property where the tank(s) is located be occupied by the owner? \_\_\_\_\_ Used as a rental? \_\_\_\_\_

When did you become the owner of the property? \_\_\_\_\_ Name of previous owner \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month/Day/Year)

Is there anyone else authorized to discuss your registration or claim with us? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of heating oil tanks used for space heating on the property \_\_\_\_\_

Please identify each tank as Underground, Aboveground, or Basement:

Tank 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Tank 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Tank 3 \_\_\_\_\_

I attest that the tank(s) I am registering above has not been abandoned or decommissioned, and all information provided on this form is true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**(Please complete a separate registration form for each property address where a heating oil tank is being registered.)**

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## Registration is Easy!

Step 1. **Complete the registration form above.** The form must be signed by the heating oil tank **owner**.

Step 2. **Mail or fax completed registration form to:** Pollution Liability Insurance Agency  
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## Real Estate Transactions

When a registered owner sells the home or transfers ownership in any way, the coverage under the Heating Oil Pollution Liability Insurance Program ENDS. To avoid any lapse in coverage, the new owner of the home must register **within 180 days from the date of the property transfer**. Homeowners

may register at any time, however the effective date of the coverage will begin on the date we receive the registration form if more than 180 days has passed from the date ownership changed.