

2-11-08 Letter from Dept. of State Police Office of State Fire Marshall

Subject: LP-Gas Tank (Container) Concealment

Code Reference: 2007 Oregon Fire Code, Section 3807.3

Question(s): 1) Is it permissible to conceal LP-Gas Tanks (containers)?

2) What are the requirements for concealment around LP-Gas tanks (containers)?

Answer(s): Question #1: Yes.

Question #2: Wood fencing may be permitted under the following guidelines:

- a) Fencing is constructed to a maximum height of 12 inches above the highest point of an industry standard tank (container) and height shall not exceed 72 inches above grade.
- b) Fencing is constructed with a minimum clearance of 6 inches above grade.
NOTE: 50% of the enclosure shall maintain this opening for airflow.
- c) Fencing shall be a minimum distance of 36 inches, measured horizontally, from all sides of the tank (container). (Exception: Containers under 125 gallons water capacity may be set next to a building with the remaining sides maintaining a minimum distance of 36 inches measured horizontally & the remaining sides maintain a minimum clearance of 6 inches above grade)
- d) Gates, if supplied, shall not be locked.
- e) Storage shall not be allowed within the enclosure.
- f) Weeds and grass shall be maintained so they do not create a fire hazard within the fenced enclosure.

Note: Check with local building official for permit requirements.

Note: Fences constructed of any other material shall be approved by the authority having jurisdiction prior to construction.