

# PLIA Heating Oil Insurance Program (HOIP)

## Why You Should Register

- Property owners are responsible for cleaning up contamination from tank leaks.
- Pollution coverage is often not available from private insurance companies.
- There is no cost to the owner for this coverage.

## What Is Covered

- PLIA pays up to \$60,000 to clean up contamination from a heating oil tank when not covered by other insurance, and for contamination on your property and a neighboring property.
- The contamination must come from a leak that starts **after** the heating oil tank is registered with us. The tank may be underground, aboveground, or in a basement.
- Reimbursement of 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* the tank is registered with PLIA.
- Property restoration on your property (first party coverage).
- Removal, repair, or replacement of the tank, lines, and furnace. This does not include reimbursement of new tank replacement costs.
- Heating oil lost in the release.

## Registration Information

- PLIA will only accept registrations for tanks registered in the program before 7/2/2020 and a change in ownership with the previously registered tank took place within the last 180 days of the ownership change.
- To transfer a registration, you must complete and submit page 2 of this brochure.
- PLIA will send 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.

## How to File a Claim

- You must first confirm that a leak from your tank has occurred. Call PLIA (1-800-822-3905) as soon as you can to begin the claim process.
- You have 180 days from the when the tank is disconnected from the furnace to file a claim. If it is more than 180 days after the leak started, then the claim will not be covered.
- We will investigate the claim, which may include taking photos of your property and the failed tank.
- You must hire a contractor from the list we provide to you.
- PLIA must approve work before the cleanup begins prior to making insurance payments.

## Real Estate Transactions

- When a registered owner sells the property or transfers ownership in any way, the coverage under the Heating Oil Insurance Program will end unless the new owner registers within 180 days from the date of the property transfer.

*For additional information about the full insurance policy or rules governing the Heating Oil Insurance Program, please visit our website at [www.plia.wa.gov](http://www.plia.wa.gov).*

# HOIP Registration Form

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

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Address where tank is located: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Communication: Email      Postal Mail

How did you hear about our program (website, oil dealer, realtor, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

Will the owner occupy the property where the tank(s) is located?      Yes      No

Is the property where the tank(s) is located used as a rental?      Yes      No

Date you became owner of the property: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of previous owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Is there anyone 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 is/are not abandoned or decommissioned and that all information provided on this form is true and correct.*

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Washington State Pollution Liability Insurance Agency  
P.O. Box 40930, Olympia, WA 98504 • (800) 822-3905 • [www.plia.wa.gov](http://www.plia.wa.gov) • @PLIAWA

## Please submit completed form either:



By mail: Pollution Liability Insurance Agency

P.O. Box 40930

Olympia, WA 98504-0930

By fax: (360) 407-0509

By email: [pliamail@plia.wa.gov](mailto:pliamail@plia.wa.gov)

*You will receive a confirmation within 14 days.*