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Flood Plain Determination for Tank Anchoring

Unlawful to Fill or Refill New or Existing Oil, Gas or Propane Tanks that are
NOT Anchored or Elevated where located in a 100
Year Flood Plain

Under County Building Code new and existing oil, gas or propane tanks must be anchored to prevent floatation, collapse and lateral movement under flood conditions if located in the tidal flood plain (also known as flood zone A, or the 100 year flood plain). It shall be Unlawful to fill or refill such tanks that are not so anchored or elevated.

If a homeowner is unsure if their house is located in the tidal flood plain, there are three easy ways to find out:

1. If you are required to carry flood insurance, you are located in a tidal flood plain.
2. If the flood level of Hurricane Isabel in 2003 reached your house, you are located in the tidal flood plain.
3. If you have received any documentation indicating you are in Flood Zone A, you are probably in the tidal flood plain.

If your fuel delivery company is requesting documentation to show you are **not** in the tidal flood plain, the following certification will be acceptable to Baltimore County for purposes of complying with the tank anchoring law:

Owner's Flood Plain Certification

I am the owner of the house located at _____ and I hereby Reasons:
(Check reasons that apply. You must be able to check both items.)

- I am not required to carry flood insurance.
- The flood level did not reach my house during Hurricane Isabel.

Owner's name: _____

Owner's signature: _____ Date: _____

Note: This form is for your fuel distributor. Do not send the completed form to Baltimore County.

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