



# Important Buildings

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## RESOURCES

Wis. Admin. Code ATCP 93  
[http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin\\_code/atcp/090/93](http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/atcp/090/93)

Storage Tanks Program  
[https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/PetroleumHazStorageTanks.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/PetroleumHazStorageTanks.aspx)

**Important Building:** a building or structure that is considered **not** expendable in an exposure fire by the owner, the authorized agent, or DATCP. This determination can be made by the owner with concurrence by the authorized agent or by DATCP.

Buildings or structures determined to be *non-important* are allowed to comply with reduced storage tank to building setback requirements as approved by DATCP. Important building determination only applies to aboveground tanks.

A building or structure *is* considered important if it has *any* of the following attributes:

- Occupancy – building has 1 or more occupants for more than incidental use or operations
- High hazard use
- Contents (Pesticides, toxics, flammable liquids, etc.):
  - Potential of contaminated run-off from fire operations threatening surrounding community or environment.
  - Potential of toxic smoke from fire threatening surrounding community or environment
- Contents are owned partially/entirely by someone other than the property owner.
- Contents are considered high value
- Contents (equipment or supplies) are critical to continuing operation of business
- Building contains utility or operational control equipment for other buildings on the property

The Important Building Determination ([TR-WM-144](#)) form is usually submitted during [plan review](#). DATCP may request this form be completed for older tanks to verify that they are allowed to comply with the reduced building setback requirements. The Important Building Determination form must be signed by the local fire chief.

- **Setbacks for aboveground non-vehicle fueling tanks** can be found in NFPA 30, 22.4.
- **Setbacks for aboveground vehicle fueling tanks** can be found in ATCP 93.615.
- **Setbacks for aboveground residential watercraft fueling tanks** can be found in ATCP 93.640(4)(e).