



# Camping Unit Transfer Tanks

## SPS 327 Subchapter VI



# What are Camping Unit Transfer Tanks?

- **SPS 327.08(10)** "Camping unit transfer tank" or "transfer tank" means a type of portable container used to collect and hold wastewater discharges generated by an individual camping unit.
- All black and grey water are emptied into these containers. They purely hold the waste until it pumped out.

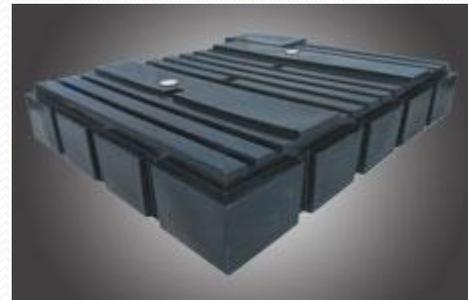


## SPS 327.54 Installation and maintenance

- A camping unit transfer tank shall be installed and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications and as provided under ch. DHS 178.
- There are currently 2 manufacturers whose transfer tanks are approved by the State. [KITTLESON'S INC.](#) & [T.S.F. COMPANY, INC.](#)

### T.S.F. Company (installation & maintenance)

- Place on a clean & level surface
- Free from sharps underneath
- Can be set on blocks
- May not be buried needs room for expansion
- Do not place anything on top of the tank
- Salt use is discouraged
- If the top of the tank becomes concave it's OK, that's the nature of the tank (more for older tanks)



# SPS 327.55 Compliance with code.

- (1) The tank is listed and has been labeled by a nationally recognized testing agency.
- (2) The tank is installed as required under s. SPS 327.54
- (3) Inlet and toilet connections to the tank are sized to provide adequate flow rate and designed to prevent backflow contamination.
- (4) A vent that terminates outside the camping unit is located at the highest point of the tank.





## **SPS 327.56 Servicing requirements.**

The servicing of a camping unit transfer tank shall be performed in a manner to prevent the discharge of wastewater into the surrounding soil or onto the ground surface.

\*Same requirements as in SPS 383.54(3)(d)



# SPS 327.57 Abandonment.

A subsurface tank that is no longer used as a camping unit transfer tank shall be abandoned by complying with all of the following:

- (1) Disconnecting all piping to the tank.
- (2) Sealing all disconnected piping to the tank.
- (3) Pumping and disposing of the contents from the tank.

**Note:** The removal and disposal of the contents from treatment tanks, distribution tanks, seepage pits, and holding components is addressed in ch. NR 113 which is administered by the department of natural resources.

- (4) Removing the tank or removing the cover of the tank and filling the tank with soil, gravel, or an inert solid material.

\*Same requirements as in SPS 383.33(1) through (4)



## SPS 327.58 Penalties.

Penalties for violations of this subchapter shall be assessed in accordance with s. 145.12, Stats.

**Note:** Section 145.12 (4), Stats., indicates that any person who violates any order under s. 145.02 (3) (f) or 145.20 (2) (f) or any rule or standard adopted under s. 145.13 shall forfeit not less than \$10 nor more than \$1,000 for each violation. Each violation of an order under s. 145.02 (3) (f) or 145.20 (2) (f) or any rule or standard adopted under s. 145.13 constitutes a separate offense and each day of continued violation is a separate offense.

\*Same requirements as in SPS 383.28



# Miscellaneous

- Definitions added:

## SPS 381.01

(50g) "Camping unit" has the meaning given in ch. SPS 327.08 (9).

(50r) "Camping unit transfer tank" means a type of portable container used to collect and hold wastewater discharges generated by an individual camping unit.



# Miscellaneous

SECTION 7. SPS 383.32 (1) (i) is created to read:

**SPS 383.32 (1) (i)** The use of camping unit transfer tanks shall be restricted to campgrounds permitted by the department of health services under ch. DHS 178.





# Thank you!

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