

## Connecticut General Statutes – Sec. 20-420.

**Registration of contractors and salesmen required. Contractors performing radon mitigation. Contractors performing removal or replacement of residential underground heating oil storage tank systems.**

(a) No person shall hold himself or herself out to be a contractor or salesperson without first obtaining a certificate of registration from the commissioner as provided in this chapter, except that an individual or partner, or officer or director of a corporation registered as a contractor shall not be required to obtain a salesperson's certificate. No certificate shall be given to any person who holds himself or herself out to be a contractor that performs radon mitigation unless such contractor provides evidence, satisfactory to the commissioner, that the contractor is certified as a radon mitigator by the National Radon Safety Board or the National Environmental Health Association. No certificate shall be given to any person who holds himself or herself out to be a contractor that performs removal or replacement of any residential underground heating oil storage tank system unless such contractor provides evidence, satisfactory to the commissioner, that the contractor (1) has completed a hazardous material training program approved by the Department of Environmental Protection, (2) has presented evidence of liability insurance coverage of one million dollars, and (3) has presented evidence of a surety bond in an amount not less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars.

### **Home Improvement Underground Storage Removal Requirements Effective October 1, 2004**

Effective October 1, 2004, Home Improvement Contractors conducting Underground Storage Tank (UST) Removal must comply with a new set of guidelines. Contractors must provide evidence of liability insurance coverage of one million dollars and evidence of a surety bond in an amount not less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (see Criteria below). UST contractors must also show evidence of completion of a 40 hour Hazardous Materials Incident Response Operations course (HAZOPER), and eight hours of health and safety training 29 CFR 1910.120(e), and passage of the International Code Council Decommissioning Exam.

## Bond Guidelines Pursuant to Public Act 04-21

1. The bond shall run to the state of Connecticut for the use of the state and of any persons who may have a cause of action because of the failure of the underground storage tank contractor to comply with the provisions of the Home Improvement Contractor Act, Chapter 400 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
2. Any person who may be damaged as a result of the failure of said contractor to comply with Chapter 400 may proceed on such bond against the obligor or surety thereon, or both, to recover damages.
3. The bond shall be in the amount of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00).
4. The bond term shall be from the date of issuance until the 30<sup>th</sup> of November of each year. The commissioner may require that the contractor provide proof that the bond will be in full force and effect for the period in which the contractor is requesting to be registered.
5. Any surety issuing a bond pursuant to Public Act 04-21, shall notify the commissioner within thirty days after the expiration or termination of such bond that such bond has expired or terminated and has not been renewed or reissued.
6. The bond may be released by the commissioner twelve months after the contractor ceases to be registered, if there are no claims pending against the bond.