

Propane Safety

Propane Is...

- Propane is flammable and may cause fires and explosions.
- Propane is heavier than air and can collect initially in low levels.
- Always be sensitive to the slightest propane gas odor.
- Any sort of a propane gas odor may signal a serious leak. Investigate all foul odors. What you think may be garbage, sewage or a dead mouse may be a serious propane gas leak.

No Odor Detected - "Odor Fade"

~ Under some of the following conditions, you may not smell a gas leak...so we recommend you install a propane gas detector(s) in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

~Some people (especially the elderly) are unable to detect the smell of gas. Colds, allergies, sinus congestion, and the use of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs, may diminish your sense of smell.

~Cooking odors or other strong odors can cover up the smell of gas.

~On rare occasions, propane gas may lose its distinctive odor - this is called "**odor fade**". Air water, and rust in a propane tank or cylinder may weaken the gas odor, especially if the valves were left open after the container has been emptied.

~Sometimes propane gas can lose its odor if a leak occurs underground.

~Odorant in leaking gas can absorb (stick) to building materials such as unpainted or untreated masonry and rough wall surfaces, to furniture fabrics and drapes, and to the inside walls of gas piping and static or periodically used propane storage containers and distribution systems.

If You Smell Propane Gas...Follow These Emergency Steps!

If you smell propane gas in your house, workplace, vehicle, or around any gas equipment or appliance, follow the Emergency Procedure below.

1. Extinguish all smoking material and other open flames.
2. Do **NOT** operate electric switches Do **NOT** light matches Do **NOT** use your phone
3. Any spark or flame in the area where propane gas is present may ignite the gas. This could include the spark in a light switch, telephone, appliance motor, and even static electricity from walking around the room.
4. Immediately get everyone out of the building, vehicle, RV trailer, or area.
5. Close all gas tank or cylinder supply valves.
6. Do **NOT** re-enter the building, vehicle, RV trailer, or area. Use your neighbor's phone and call a trained LP-Gas service person and the fire department. Even though you may not continue to smell gas, do **NOT** turn on the gas.
7. Let the service person and firefighters check for propane gas leaks. Have them air out fire area before you return.

8. Have properly trained LP-Gas service people repair the leak, then check and relight all of your propane gas appliances for you.
9. Re-enter the area ONLY when the trained service person or firefighters say it is safe to do so.

Important Safety Reminders

- Don't enter an area where, you suspect a gas leak. If you are in such an area, leave immediately!
- Be alert for propane odor when working in areas where propane is used. Even a faint odor may indicate a hazardous situation. If you suspect a gas leak refer to #2 in the "If You Smell Propane Gas..."
- Do not try to judge for yourself the level of danger of a gas leak by trying to determine if one smell of gas is weak or strong. All gas leaks pose a serious risk.
- Repeated pilot outages could indicate a hazardous condition. Don't attempt to relight the pilot, or service your equipment. Call your Propane Dealer.
- If you choose to light your own pilots, call your Propane Dealer for instructions.
- Before lighting a propane gas appliance, sniff around the area at floor level. If you smell gas, don't light the appliance!
- Shut off the gas immediately at the tank, if your appliance has been flooded.
- Do not use your gas system again until the wet or flooded equipment has been checked and serviced.
- Improperly vented or defective appliances can cause potentially fatal carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Have your propane system and appliances periodically inspected by your Propane Dealer.
- Don't tamper with or use tools to operate controls. If controls are difficult to operate by hand, call your Propane Dealer immediately.
- Keep combustible products, like gasoline, kerosene, or cleaners in a separate room from propane appliances. Your appliance pilot lights could ignite fumes from these combustibles.
- Don't operate any propane gas appliance without reading the instructions carefully.

For more information on Propane Customer Safety Awareness please contact Pro Cooperative at

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