

PROPANE SAFETY NOTICE

For your safety, propane has a strong, unpleasant odor added so that propane leaks can be detected. You and each person using or handling propane must be able to recognize the smell of propane. Ask for a **Propane Safety Brochure** or MSDS to demonstrate the smell of propane. Always take action if you smell any foul odor.

CAN YOU SMELL IT?

It may be hard for some people to smell propane for any one or more of the following reasons:

- Colds, allergies, sinus congestion or another medical condition.
- The sense of smell is reduced due to the use of tobacco, alcohol, drugs, smoke, cooking odors and other strong odors that may mask the smell of propane.
- With age, the sense of smell may be less sensitive.
- If the smell of propane is present for a period of time "odor fatigue" may occur and a person no longer smells the propane odor; or
- The smell of propane may be in an area (basement or crawl space) where it is not detected by those in other areas of the building.

A phenomenon called "**odor fade**" may occur, the unintended reduction in the concentration of the odor of propane. Although rare, several situations can cause odor fade:

- Air, water or rust in a propane container;
- If an underground propane leak exists, the passage of propane through some soils; or
- Propane odor may stick to inside surfaces of propane piping and distribution systems or other materials.



IF YOU SMELL GAS:

- **DO NOT ENTER AN AREA WHERE YOU SUSPECT A GAS LEAK**
- **DO NOT TRY TO JUDGE FOR YOURSELF THE LEVEL OF DANGER OF A GAS LEAK: ALL GAS LEAKS POSE A SERIOUS THREAT.**
- **No Flames or Sparks:** Put out all smoking materials and other open flames. Do not use lights, appliances, telephones including cell phones. Flames or sparks from these can trigger an explosion.
- **Leave the Area Immediately:** Get everyone out of the building or area where you suspect gas is leaking.
- **Shut-Off the Gas:** Turn off the main gas supply valve on the propane tank if it is safe to do so. Turn the valve to the right to close.
- **Report the Leak:** From a neighbor's house or other nearby building away from the gas leak, call the Company right away. If you cannot reach the Company, call 911 or your local fire department.
- **Do Not Return to the Area or Building** until the Company or the local officials who have responded determine it is safe to do so.
- **Get Your System Checked:** Before you attempt to use any of your propane appliances, the Company or another qualified propane service technician must conduct a Leak Check.



RUNNING OUT OF GAS: DO NOT RUN OUT OF GAS, SERIOUS SAFETY HAZARDS, INCLUDING FIRE AND EXPLOSION CAN RESULT.

- If an appliance valve or gas line is left open when the propane supply runs out, a leak could occur when the system is recharged with propane.
- Air and moisture could get inside the propane container resulting in the possibility of odor fade.
- If you run out of gas, your pilot lights will go out and can be extremely dangerous if not handled properly.
- **A LEAK CHECK IS REQUIRED**
- **SET UP REGULAR FORECASTED DELIVERIES.** Check the gauge on your tank and if the fuel level drops at or near 20%, call the Company.



LIGHTING PILOT LIGHTS

It is strongly recommended that a qualified propane service technician light any pilot light that has gone out.

- A pilot light that repeatedly goes out or is difficult to light may be a signal that there is a problem with the appliance or the propane system. If this occurs do not try to fix the problem yourself. Contact a qualified propane service technician to evaluate the appliance.



IF YOU LIGHT A PILOT YOURSELF, YOU ARE TAKING THE RISK OF STARTING A FIRE OR AN EXPLOSION. MANY SERIOUS INJURIES OCCUR WHEN PEOPLE ATTEMPT TO LIGHT PILOT LIGHTS. PROCEED WITH GREAT CAUTION.

- Follow the manufacturers' instructions and warnings about the appliance
- If the appliance is in a basement or closed room thoroughly ventilate the area before lighting the pilot.
- **DO NOT** smoke or have any source of ignition in the area before lighting the pilot.
- **IF YOU SMELL GAS, DO NOT LIGHT THE PILOT.** Be especially alert for the smell of propane and sniff at the floor level before attempting to light the pilot. Do not try to light pilots in any area where other odors (such as musky or damp smells) may make it hard to detect the smell of a propane leak.
- **DO NOT** allow anyone to be in the area where you are lighting the pilot.
- **DO NOT** apply force or use tools on the pilot light or controls. This could damage the components and cause gas leakage.
- **DO NOT** attempt to let air out of the gas lines by opening a valve or fitting inside a building or enclosed space. You may release gas and not be able to smell it.
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- **DO NOT** apply oil to a sticky knob or button on a gas control valve. It can cause the control valve to malfunction.
- **DO NOT** tamper with or use tools to operate gas controls.



CARBON MONOXIDE: IMPROPERLY VENTED OR DEFECTIVE APPLIANCE CAN CAUSE POTENTIALLY FATAL CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING. HAVE YOUR SYSTEM PERIODICALLY INSPECTED BY A QUALIFIED SERVICE COMPANY



OTHER IMPORTANT SAFETY RULES

- **DO NOT** allow unqualified personnel to service your propane appliances or system.
- If any of your appliances has been flooded, shut off the gas immediately at the tank. **DO NOT** use the gas system until the wet or flooded appliances have been checked or serviced.
- Keep combustible products, like gasoline, kerosene or cleaners, in a separate room from propane appliances. Appliance pilot lights could ignite fumes from those combustibles.