

Camping & RVing

Here are some tips for propane safety in the great outdoors:

- Transport tanks or cylinders outside the RV or camper upright, securely fastened and with valves pointed away from the vehicle.
- Never store tanks or cylinders in the RV's living area.
- When using the onboard stove or oven, open vents or windows and use the exhaust fan.
- Never use outdoor appliances, such as camp stoves, gas-fired heaters or appliances inside an RV or tent.
- Have appliances, tanks and/or cylinders checked annually by an RV shop registered with the BC Safety Authority. If you're renting, make sure the RV has a valid safety decal.
- If you smell gas or suspect carbon monoxide poisoning, get everyone out immediately and call 911 or your local emergency number for help.

To learn more about general gas safety: safetyauthority.ca



Smell gas... Act fast!

The leak test

Do this after refilling the cylinder or before using the appliance again.

Turn off the valves and brush a leak detector solution or a mixture of equal parts water and liquid soap onto the hose connections and valves. If bubbles appear, you may have a leak. Call a qualified service technician for help. For more details, visit propanegas.ca



Note: never use a match or lighter to check for leaks!

Know how to turn off gas supply

Safety for kids

- Let an adult handle propane storage cylinders and appliances.
- Keep paper, toys and clothing away from propane lamps, fireplaces, barbecues and heaters.
- Never play with valves or ignition buttons or knobs.

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Protect your family at home and away

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What is propane?

Also called liquefied petroleum gas (LP or LPG), propane becomes a liquid when put under pressure, such as in a tank, cylinder or underground pipe. It turns to gas instantly when pressure is released.

Because it's stored as a liquid, propane is portable and can go lots of places where utility lines can't, like RVs, campers, cabins and campsites. As well, some homes have piped propane or an onsite propane tank to fuel household appliances.

Propane appliances should be maintained regularly and used only as intended to ensure safety.

Smell propane? Act fast. Get out.

If you suddenly smell sulphur or rotten eggs or hear a hissing sound, leave the area right away and follow these steps:

1. Put out matches, fires and cigarettes. DON'T touch light switches or outlets, use the phone or do anything that could create a spark.
2. Get everyone out. Leave doors and windows open as you leave.
3. Go to a safe place and use a cell phone or a neighbour's phone and call **911**, your local fire department or gas company's emergency line.
4. Stay outside until an emergency responder says it's safe to go back.

Learn more about propane safety at propanegas.ca



Have your appliances inspected and maintained regularly

At home

Cylinders

Propane bottled in cylinders is convenient for outdoor heaters and barbecues. Transport and store them with care, as follows:

- Always keep cylinders upright.
- Close valves completely when not in use.
- Keep your face away from valves and wear gloves when handling. (Propane can injure you if it comes in contact with skin or eyes.)
- Store cylinders in a protected, well-ventilated, above-ground place, NOT indoors.
- If a cylinder is damaged, or is over 10 years old, replace it. By law, propane filling stations can't refill a cylinder that is damaged or has an expired inspection date stamp.

Tanks

If you have an outdoor propane tank, paint it to prevent corrosion. Be sure to choose a light or reflective colour, this will reflect sunlight so the tank won't overheat.

If you're winterizing your vacation property, consider closing the tank valves and shutting off propane appliances. When you return, have a service technician inspect your system and relight appliances.

Pipes & meters

If underground pipes deliver propane to your home, you should have a gas meter or a regulator assembly outside. Keep it safe with these tips:

- Keep it clear of garbage, leaves, ice, snow and items like tools and toys.
- Don't enclose it with decks, sheds or fencing.
- Don't tie anything to the meter or regulator.



Call before you dig 1-800-647-6886

Even just hitting them with a shovel could cause a leak. So, if your family is planning to dig holes for a fence, plant trees, build a shed or playhouse, you must call BC One Call **BEFORE** you dig. It's the law!



BC One Call at 1-800-474-6886 or *6886 on a cell phone before digging. It's a free call!

Caution: Underground piping between a propane storage tank on your property and your home may not appear on BC One Call maps.