

In hurricane-prone Florida, propane gas is the smart choice for fueling your home. Reliable propane will see you through the storm. When electricity is knocked out, propane keeps working. It keeps you comfortable, heating your water, providing light, and letting you cook a hot meal.

Investing in propane appliances or a propane whole-house generator is a great way to start your hurricane preparations. As hurricane season approaches, follow these tips to keep your propane system functioning well and your family safe:

- Have an adequate supply of propane in your tank.
- Know how to shut off the outdoor propane supply as well as the supply to individual appliances.
- If you live in a flood zone, make sure your propane tanks are fastened down securely.
- Never keep a propane cylinder in the house or in any other enclosed area.

If a hurricane threatens your safety and you need to evacuate, turn off the gas to prevent leaks from damaged gas lines. After the storm has passed, check for fallen trees, which can damage your propane equipment. If your property is flooded and your propane equipment has been under water, do not use the equipment until a qualified service technician has checked it and indicates that it is safe.

Propane is naturally odorless, but a distinctive odorant is added to alert you to gas leaks. It has a strong, unpleasant smell like rotten eggs.

If you smell gas:



Immediately put out all smoking materials and other open flames. Do not operate lights, appliances, telephones, or cell phones. Flames or sparks from these sources can trigger an explosion or fire.



Leave the area immediately.



Shut off the gas.



Report the leak from a neighbor's phone.



Do not return to the area until an emergency responder or propane service technician has determined it is safe.



When you do return, don't use any propane appliances until you have a service technician check your entire system for leaks.

For more information about propane safety before, during, and after a storm, contact your local propane dealer or visit:

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