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Propane Safety

Follow these safety tips to keep propane a clean, portable and safe fuel

When transporting propane cylinders...

- Keep valves closed and insert safety plugs, even when they are empty.
- Always stand them upright in a well-ventilated area.
- Always set them down gently.
- Always secure them when transporting in vehicles. Try storing them in plastic milk crates, or tie them securely with tie straps too keep the cylinders from moving around.
- Never leave them in a vehicle for extended periods of time.
- Keep them away from heat or flame.

When using a propane tank...

- Place and secure it on a firm base, away from excessive heat.
- When connecting your cylinder, note that the cylinder-valve connection has a left-hand thread. This can only be used with appliances approved for propane.
- After you have connected the cylinder, check for leaks. Use soapy water or a leak detector. **(Never use open flames to check for leaks)**.
- Fully open the cylinder valve so that it operates properly.
- Always use a pressure-reducing regulator.
- Do not let the propane cylinder get too hot-the pressure will rise.

When you are NOT using your propane cylinder...

- Close the valve tightly, even when the tank is empty. Insert the safety plug.
- Protect the tanks valve.
- Store the cylinder away from flame and heat.
- Store your cylinder outdoors in a well-ventilated area when not in use.
- Place it in a secure, upright position away from open flames or excessive heat.