



Frequently Asked Questions

What is propane gas?

Propane is sometimes referred to as liquefied petroleum gas, LP gas, or LPG. 70 percent of propane comes from natural gas production and the remaining from crude oil refining. 100 percent of our propane is produced in America, making it a stable, domestic energy source. It is nontoxic, colorless and virtually odorless - but, for your protection, odor is added so it can be easily detected when necessary. The chemical odorant that is added is called ethyl mercaptan, which has a strong smell similar to rotten eggs.

Who uses propane?

Propane is used in 48 million households as well as many businesses for water and space heating, indoor and outdoor cooking, clothes drying, and backup power. Additionally, many industries increasingly choose propane to cost effectively fuel vehicles and equipment while lowering emissions. As a clean, versatile energy source, propane is frequently used for zone heating, water heating, cooking, fireplaces, and clothes drying. In outdoor spaces, propane is a widely used energy source for outdoor grills, lighting, and heating for pools and spas. When electric power goes out, propane is often the energy that powers standby generators. Compact and easy to transport, Blossman propane is delivered to the most remote areas of a community, as well as to local neighborhoods that do not have access to natural gas. Whether you are running a commercial kitchen or a medical clinic, planning to build a new facility, or renovating an existing facility, a cost-effective gas plan can be designed. Industries served include: agriculture, schools and universities, airports, commercial cooking, and commercial mowers.

Is propane really safe for my family?

Propane is a naturally safe energy source and provides many benefits that ensure worry-free comfort. It has an enviable safety record and history due to the strict regulations and stringent codes developed by the propane industry in association with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Every aspect of installation, storage, and tank filling has been evaluated to ensure the highest standards of safety and worry-free operation. As with any energy source, there are steps you should take to further ensure your safety:

- If you detect a gas leak, immediately evacuate everyone from the house and call your local propane provider or the fire department from a neighbor's telephone.
- Learn what propane smells like. Propane retailers print scratch-and-sniff pamphlets to help your family recognize its distinct odor.
- Know where any underground or above ground gas service lines are located, especially when doing yard work.
- Change or clean furnace filters regularly, as recommended by the manufacturer.
- Don't store cleaning fluids, oil-soaked rags, gasoline, or other flammable liquids near a gas-burning appliance, where vapors could be ignited by the pilot light.

Is propane safe for the environment?

Yes, propane is a nontoxic, environmentally responsible fuel that doesn't contaminate aquifers or soil. It is much cleaner than home heating oil, kerosene, or electricity. Propane is an approved clean alternative fuel listed in the 1990 Clean Air Act. Coal-burning, electric power plants emit twice as much carbon dioxide into the atmosphere as propane, at a comparatively low 38 percent efficiency rate. Propane is a valuable alternative to electricity and significantly reduces emission of greenhouse gases.

Is propane really convenient to use and store?

Yes, Blossman Gas offers several propane delivery options with tanks in a variety of sizes. The size and shape of your tank should be chosen based on your propane needs. Above ground tanks should be located in an area that is easy to landscape and blends into your yard, or you can select an underground tank. Propane tanks are environmentally friendly, require little maintenance, and can last up to 40 years. Its portability in liquid form makes it a convenient fuel for grilling, camping and other uses.

What assurance do I have that the Blossman technicians are properly trained?

Blossman Gas provides state-of-the-art training for its employees, at Blossman University--their 9000 square foot facility, located in Ocean Springs, MS,--the only one of its kind in the industry. All Blossman technicians are certified through the Certified Employee Training program (CETP) offered by the Propane Education & Research Council (PERC) and the National Propane Gas Association (NPGA). Training is ongoing and covers all aspects of delivering propane, installing and servicing propane appliances. Blossman updates their training programs frequently, to ensure employees are equipped with the most current procedures and information available.

Can switching to propane really save me money?

Yes, propane gas can save you money right away; it costs half as much per BTU as electricity. Homeowners can use propane zone heaters and gas fireplaces to only heat select rooms, while less heat escapes through the chimney. Propane powered appliances: dryers, cooktops, etc., cut expenses by working faster and more efficiently—saving you time and money.

Can Blossman technicians convert your electric appliances to a propane appliance?

Yes, Blossman technicians are professionally trained to make the transition of your electric appliance to a propane appliance easy and comfortably, understanding proper protocols with the manufacturers. The company also offers a vast selection of top-of-the-line gas appliances from manufacturers such as Empire, BuckStove, Rinnai, Monessen, Napoleon, Maytag, Whirlpool, Speed Queen and KitchenAid commercial-grade ranges.

Where do I find out more about propane?

Blossman has 72 branch locations across the Southeast, bringing security and comfort to more than 130,000 +families. Blossman is a full-service company that provides everything from propane delivery to appliance sales, installation and service. For more information, call 1.888.Blossman or visit www.blossmangas.com. Connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube for information and promotions.