

# Winter Preparedness for Propane Users



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## Be Prepared

### Ensure You and Your Family Are Comfortable & Safe this Winter

Winter can mean colder temperatures and a higher demand for energy. Families and businesses that rely on propane can have confidence that Canada's propane industry is prepared for the season, but it is also important for homeowners to do their part to ensure they are kept warm and safe.

To help you prepare for colder weather and to save money, here are a few steps that you and your family can take.

### Before the Winter

- ✓ **Fill Your Tank Early** – Since energy prices typically rise in the winter due to higher demand, filling your tank early in the season may help reduce your energy costs through purchasing when demand is lower.
- ✓ **Make sure you have an adequate propane supply** – Ask your propane provider about payment programs and scheduling regular visits, so there's always enough propane in your tank. This will help you avoid running empty if inaccessible roads delay deliveries.
- ✓ **Consider purchasing a propane generator** – When other power sources fail, a propane generator can keep your house operating without interruption.
- ✓ **Confirm your heating system and appliances are running efficiently** – Before the start of each heating season, have a qualified service technician inspect and service your appliances and propane system. When your appliances are running as efficiently as possible, you conserve fuel and save money.
- ✓ **Reduce drafts** – Install caulking and weather-stripping around windows, doors and other openings such as ducts, fans and vents.

### During the Winter

- ✓ **Ensure that your driveway and access to your tanks are cleared.**
- ✓ **Turn down the thermostat** – Manually, or using a programmable thermostat, reduce the temperature a few degrees while you are at home and lower when you are sleeping or away.
- ✓ **Reduce hot water consumption** – Lower the temperature setting on your water heater. Consider using cold water for laundry.
- ✓ **Keep curtains and blinds open to receive sunlight during the day, and close them at night.**
- ✓ **Reduce the use of fireplaces** – If they are only used for secondary heat or atmosphere.
- ✓ **Hang clothes on a rack to dry rather than using your clothes dryer.**

## Detectors Save Lives!

Install CSA-approved propane gas detectors and carbon monoxide detectors for additional security.

Always follow the manufacturer instructions for installation, location, and maintenance.

## Our Industry Commitment

Keeping Canadians warm and safe is our top priority. Canada's propane industry will continue to make every effort to provide reliable and affordable service to its valued customers, and the Canadian Propane Association encourages customers to contact their propane retailer to put their winter plan into action.

By working together, Canadians and Canada's propane industry can take the sting out of winter.

## Canadian Propane Association

The Canadian Propane Association (CPA) is the national association for the Canadian propane industry, a multi-billion dollar industry that impacts the livelihood of tens of thousands of Canadians.

The CPA is dedicated to promoting propane, a clean, available, affordable and versatile energy solution, through industry training, emergency response and advocacy activities.