

Safety Checklist

Camping and grilling safely



Do it right. Stay safe.

When you want to get away from it all without leaving comfort behind, remember that outdoor gas equipment is designed only for outdoor use.

It may be tempting to bring your propane stove inside your tent to keep warm when you get caught in a rainstorm, or bring your outdoor propane space heater into the ski cabin when lighting the fire seems like too much trouble, but resist the temptation! Using outdoor gas equipment in confined spaces can create a serious safety hazard like carbon monoxide poisoning.

Top 10 propane basics

- Keep children and pets away from cylinders and grills at all times.
- Only use portable gas equipment outdoors, never in an enclosed space (including tents).
- Do not leave a grill unattended while cooking.
- Place your grill well away from your house, garage, deck railings, overhanging branches and other flammable materials.
- Inspect portable gas equipment before using it for the first time each season. Have worn or rusted fittings, hoses or burners replaced.
- Ensure the burner ports inside the grill are free of rust, dust, dirt or other debris.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or buildup.
- Always test for leaks at the cylinder connection before lighting the grill by brushing a mixture of liquid soap and water onto any connection or valve. Rising bubbles indicate a leak.
- Always open the lid of the grill before lighting to release any gas build up.
- Be aware that propane smells like rotten eggs but carbon monoxide is odourless.

If you suspect a propane leak while grilling:

- Turn off the gas cylinder and the grill and have it serviced.
- If the leak does not stop, call the fire department.

Transporting, storing and handling propane cylinders

- Transport cylinders in a secured, upright position with the valve closed and outlet capped or plugged.
- Propane cylinders must be inspected and recertified every 10 years.
- Do not use or transport cylinders that show signs of corrosion, fire damage or appear to be leaking.
- Never use, store or transport your cylinder where it could be exposed to high temperatures.

For more information visit the National Fire Prevention Association website:

www.nfpa.org and follow the links:
Safety Information > For Consumers > Outdoors

Outdoor gas equipment can be the outdoor enthusiast's best friend – as long as it is treated with respect. By taking these simple safety precautions, your outdoor adventures will be safe as well as fun.

