



County of San Diego

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How to Manage Propane Tanks and Cylinders In Areas Affected by Wildfire

The recent fires have affected many areas in the County of San Diego where propane gas is used for a variety of daily activities including home heating, cooking, and equipment operation. This factsheet provides guidelines in dealing with propane tanks in fire-affected areas and the proper management of propane.

Home Heating Tanks

The County of San Diego Hazardous Materials Division (HMD) has been in contact with propane suppliers in San Diego County. HMD has been advised that most of the companies in San Diego County will send service technicians to survey and inspect customer tanks that may have been affected by fire. Technicians will identify damaged tanks that will need to be repaired or replaced. If you are concerned that the propane tank has been damaged or would like to have a service technician inspect it, please call your propane service provider. ***If your tank is leaking, please call 911 and your propane service provider.***

Propane Tanks for BBQ's (5 gallon size)

If your tank has been affected by fire, it is recommended you replace it. Most of the companies specializing in propane sales and service in San Diego County have indicated they are able to accept BBQ propane tanks that may have been affected by the fire.

If you purchased your tank at a local store through an exchange service/distributor such as PPX or Blue Rhino, contact the distributor directly to find out the locations where damaged tanks can be returned. It is not recommended that you return tanks affected by fire to retail stores directly. Retail stores may not be prepared to handle these types of tanks. Please see phone numbers on the reverse of this page.

If you do not know where you purchased your BBQ propane tank, you may be able to return the tank at a local propane supplier. Call the propane supplier first to make arrangements. Proper management of damaged propane tanks will protect you and your community. Please do your part to prevent injuries from propane tanks by:

- **Not transporting leaking BBQ propane tanks in your car or truck**
- **Not disposing of BBQ propane tanks in the trash**

Please call the Hazardous Materials Duty Desk at (858) 505-6880 if you have additional questions regarding the management of hazardous materials or visit our website at:
<http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/deh/>

The reverse of this factsheet contains a partial list with some of the major propane suppliers in San Diego County. For additional suppliers, please consult your local telephone book.

Name	Address	Phone Number
AMERIGAS/PPX	120 WOODLAND PWY., SAN MARCOS 92069	760-744-1821
AMERIGAS/PPX	9350 MIRAMAR RD, SAN DIEGO 92126	858-578-6513
COUNTY PROPANE	12812 JACKSON HILL DR, EL CAJON 92021	619-443-4300
COUNTY PROFLAME (A Family Company of AmeriGas)	15289 OLD HWY 80, EL CAJON 92021	619-390-2499
FERRELL GAS	8088 MIRAMAR RD, SAN DIEGO 92126	858-271-4400
FERRELL GAS	1077 S. VINEWOOD, ESCONDIDO 92029	760-746-5500
FERRELL GAS	5000 WILLOWS RD., ALPINE 91901	800-366-3691
BLUE RHINO PROPANE RECYCLING	customercareleads2@bluerhino.com	888-753-7159

Disposal of household hazardous waste including small propane cylinders can be arranged by contacting the County of San Diego Household Hazardous Waste Program at: <http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/deh/waste/hhw.html> or, the Household Hazardous Waste Hotline at 1-877-713-2784 Wastefreesd at <http://www.ilacsd.org/recycle/index.php>