

THE FRANKLIN FOCUS

PROPANE TIPS AND NEWS

PRODUCT SPOTLIGHT: PROPANE SPACE HEATING

WHY SPACE HEATERS CAN BE YOUR BEST OPTION

Propane space heaters are among the most efficient supplemental heating options available. Most propane heaters convert a very high percentage of fuel into usable heat, and many modern vent-free models operate at efficiency levels of 90% or higher. High-efficiency propane heating systems can reach ratings of 90% to 98.5%, meaning nearly all of the fuel's energy is converted into heat for your space.

Why propane heaters are efficient:

- **Fast heat delivery:** Propane burns hot, producing comfortable heat quickly and reducing warm-up times.
- **High fuel utilization:** Modern propane appliances are designed to capture more heat from combustion, minimizing wasted energy.
- **Reliable performance in cold weather:** Unlike some electric heating systems that can lose efficiency as temperatures drop, propane heaters maintain consistent heating capacity even in very cold conditions.
- **Lower energy costs:** Propane often provides a cost-effective heating solution, especially for supplemental heating of occupied rooms.

Bottom line:

A properly sized propane space heater can provide efficient, dependable warmth while helping homeowners focus heat where it's needed most, potentially reducing overall heating costs.

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE:

Beginning September 1, 2026, all accounts with a past due balance must be paid in full before another delivery will be made.

Payments may be made online or by phone (478 552-6667) with a debit or credit card. We accept MasterCard, Visa, Discover, and American Express. We also accept checks by mail, or cash, checks, or cards in person at the office at 619 Sparta Road.

Want to be sure your bill is paid on time, every time? Consider auto pay. Contact us for more information.

Budget customers are reminded to make their monthly payment by the 20th of each month.



SAFETY TIP:

When it comes to gas appliances, safety is a top priority. If you smell gas in your home, follow these steps:

1. **NO FLAMES OR SPARKS.** Immediately put out all smoking materials and other open flames. Do not operate lights, appliances, telephones, or cell phones. Flames or sparks from these sources can trigger an explosion or a fire.
2. **LEAVE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY.** Get everyone out of the building or area where you suspect gas is leaking.
3. **SHUT OFF THE GAS.** Turn off the main gas supply valve on your propane tank if it is safe to do so. To close the valve, turn it to the right (clockwise).
4. **REPORT THE LEAK.** From a neighbor's home or other nearby building away from the gas leak, call your propane retailer right away. If you can't reach your propane retailer, call 911 or your local fire department.
5. **DO NOT RETURN TO THE BUILDING OR AREA** until your propane retailer, emergency responder, or qualified service technician determines that it is safe to do so.
6. **GET YOUR SYSTEM CHECKED.** Before you attempt to use any of your propane appliances, your propane retailer or a qualified service technician must check your entire system to ensure that it is leak-free.

Why People Choose Propane

What makes propane popular with users is what separates it from conventional fuels like gasoline and diesel.

Clean Propane is an approved clean fuel listed in the 1990 Clean Air Act. Substituting propane for other fuels such as gasoline and fuel oil is an economical and viable step toward cleaner air. Using propane reduces the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide and air pollutants like carbon monoxide and nitrogen oxide.

Reliable For millions of Americans every day, propane continues to deliver what is most important to customers choosing their energy: reliability. Even during extreme weather and natural disasters, propane reliably heats and powers homes, businesses, and farms independent of the electric grid.

Abundant America produces more than enough propane to meet demand. In fact, the U.S. is propane's leading producer. Propane is an abundant "bridge fuel," making it a clean-burning alternative to gasoline and diesel that can address energy challenges while long-term renewable technologies are developed.

Affordable Despite sharp declines in oil prices, domestic propane production is expected to continue to grow rapidly, keeping downward pressure on average propane prices relative to oil prices.

American Propane production keeps quality jobs in our country. As of 2018, over 97,000 workers across the U.S. are employed in propane trade, wholesale, and sales.