



# Enjoy Your Propane Appliances **SAFELY**

## All Appliances

- Always follow the manufacturer's installation and operating instructions exactly.
- Make sure everyone in your home, including children, is familiar with the safe operation of all propane appliances.
- Make sure the burner flame and pilot light on all appliances is blue. A yellow flame indicates a problem with your appliance, and you should immediately contact us to inspect the unit.
- Everyone in your home should be familiar with the smell of propane odorant. If you smell gas or suspect a gas leak, get everyone out of the house immediately and call your local fire department from a safe location.

## Water Heater

- Make sure your water heater has a temperature and pressure relief valve.
- Always vent water heaters to the outdoors.
- Maintain a setting no more than 120 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Keep the area around the water heater clean and well ventilated. So not store paper, clothing or other flammable material near the water heater.
- Do not use or store flammable liquids near the water heater. They can ignite from exposure to any open flame such as a water heater pilot light.
- When possible, elevate heater 18 inches from the floor.

- Drain the water heater tank regularly (until water runs clear) to clear out sediment that has built up at the bottom of the tank.

## Stove Top & Range

- Never use gas ranges or ovens to heat a room. Extended use can drain oxygen from the air and cause asphyxia or carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Turn burners off when not in use.
- Do not store flammable items on or near the range.
- Do not cover the bottom of the oven with foil because it can restrict heat and air circulation.
- Always keep pot handles turned inward.
- Make sure children understand never to turn knobs on the front of your range.
- In case of a fire, turn off the range or oven. Use a powder fire extinguisher or sprinkle the area with baking soda.

## Clothes Dryer

- Be sure your dryer's vent is unobstructed.
- Clean the lint screen after each use.
- Clean the exhaust duct regularly.
- Check the outside vent regularly and make sure it opens and closes freely.
- Never run your dryer when not at home.

**Don't take unnecessary risks. Always have your propane appliances checked regularly by Florida Gas!**