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Need to be Safe if Thinking about Using Propane in Natural Gas Appliances

Trenton, NJ (November 19, 2012) – Our hearts go out to the many homes and businesses in New Jersey that continue to suffer from the devastating impacts of Hurricane Sandy. Naturally, the many uncertainties associated with the schedule for utility service restoration in these areas has caused a number of residents and businesses to reach out to the propane industry to seek alternative energy supplies to help speed recovery. While we have worked hard to ensure that the appropriate resources are in place to help, it is paramount that consumers understand the importance of safety and the need to engage qualified propane service technicians to evaluate and convert natural gas appliances to use propane for heat, hot water, cooking, and electricity generation.



Propane can serve an important role in the days ahead, but consumers need to use caution when handling tanks, fuel lines, appliances and generators to ensure safety. It is critical that consumers **DO NOT** try to convert their own appliances. Improper adjustments could lead to a gas leak that can cause carbon monoxide poisoning, a fire, or even an explosion.

Can my natural gas appliances use propane?

1. Most likely yes, but... natural gas appliances **SHOULD NOT** be used with propane unless a qualified service technician has made required adjustments to the appliance.
2. Contact a state licensed propane dealer or service company to convert the appliance and connect to the tanks.
3. Gas system regulators used for natural gas and propane systems and appliances are different. Although the conversion process may seem simple, do not attempt this yourself.
4. A qualified technician must perform a leak test after tanks, piping, or appliances have been installed or modified in your home or business gas system.
5. Not sure what to do? Locate a licensed propane supplier by contacting the New Jersey Propane Gas Association at 609-890-6094 or find your local propane dealer at www.usepropane.com.

Availability of propane

Propane is readily available in New Jersey. Critical supplies of propane, along with other fuels, are being strategically routed throughout the state to make sure that your local suppliers can bring you the propane you need.

Still need help? Contact the New Jersey Propane Gas Association at 609.890.6094 or www.njpropane.org, or visit the Propane Education & Research Council at www.usepropane.com for more information.

About the New Jersey Propane Gas Association

The New Jersey Propane Gas Association is a member-focused trade organization which promotes, educates, and supports the growth of the propane industry in New Jersey. The association represents the industry to identify opportunities for training and networking with peers, and to aid with legislative issues that contribute to operating a safe and successful industry.