

Important Information from Your Local Propane Provider

Underground Propane Tanks Important preventative safety testing required

Underground propane storage tanks have become an increasingly popular choice over the years. Once installed, underground tanks are scarcely noticeable except for filling connections and valves, which are housed in a small dome protruding just inches above the ground offering an aesthetic benefit to your property.



Although underground tanks are designed especially for this purpose, nature can corrode a steel tank that is not properly protected. It is important that you maintain and protect your tank against corrosion. The propane industry utilizes special underground tanks that are manufactured with a preventive coating. In addition underground tanks are protected by a process called “Cathodic Protection.”

Cathodic protection has been used for decades to help prevent deterioration. The method uses a material buried alongside your tank that helps to prevent your tank from potential corrosion. As with any part of your home, proper maintenance ensures long lasting reliable service.

State and federal regulations now require underground propane tanks installed after March 1, 2014, to have a cathodic protection system included.

Testing of the cathodic protection system must be performed by a certified propane service technician within 180 days of installation. Twelve to eighteen months after the initial test, a second inspection will occur. The inspection cycle will then be every thirty six months.

Please note: as with any maintenance of your home, there may be a charge for this service from your propane retailer.

Properly maintained underground tanks can last for many decades so it is important that your service provider perform routine testing and maintenance. For further information, please visit www.propanesafety.com.