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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 Luis Obispo 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 Luis Obispo Hazardous Materials Program has been in contact with propane suppliers within the county. We have been advised that most of these suppliers 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.**

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

PROPANE TANKS FOR BARBECUES (5 GALLON SIZE)

If you purchased your tank at a local store through an exchange service/distributor such as 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 listed below.

If you do not know where you purchased your barbecue 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 barbecue propane tanks in your car or truck.**
- **Not disposing of barbecue propane tanks in the trash.**

Please call Environmental Health Services Hazardous Materials Section at (805) 781-5544 if you have additional questions regarding the management of hazardous materials or visit our website at:

<http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/health/publichealth/ehs.htm>

This factsheet contains a partial list with some of the major propane suppliers in San Luis Obispo County. For additional suppliers, please consult your local telephone book.

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
Delta Liquid Energy	1960 Ramada Drive, Paso Robles	(805) 239-0616
Central Coast Propane	6260 Monterey Rd, Paso Robles	(805) 237-1001
Northern Energy	8650 El Camino Real, Atascadero	(805) 466- 1232
Suburban Propane	3455 Theater Drive, Paso Robles	(805) 238-1622
Blue Rhino Propane Recycling	customer care leads2@bluerhino.com	(888) 753-7159

Disposal of household hazardous waste including small propane cylinders can be done by taking the waste to any Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Facility managed by the San Luis Obispo County Integrated Waste Management Authority Household Hazardous Waste Program. Locations are:

- Heritage Ranch CSD Household Collection Center, 4860 Heritage Rd, Paso Robles
Fridays 11:00 AM to 3:00PM
- Paso Robles Landfill, 9000 Hwy 46, Paso Robles
Saturdays from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
- Chicago Grade Landfill, 2290 Homestead Rd, Templeton
Saturdays from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
- Morro Bay Household Collection Center, 160 Atascadero Ave, Morro Bay
Saturdays from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
- Cold Canyon Landfill, 2268 Carpenter Canyon, San Luis Obispo
Fridays and Saturdays 11:00 AM to 3:00PM
- Nipomo CSD Household Collection Center, 509 Southland Drive, Nipomo
Saturdays from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

For additional information contact San Luis Obispo County Integrated Waste Management Authority at (805) 782-8530 or www.iwma.com.