

Propane & Fuel Handling Safety for Heating & Machinery

Key Safety Points:

- **Propane Storage:** Store propane tanks in well-ventilated, dry areas away from heat sources or open flames. Never store propane tanks in an enclosed space like a garage or shed. Always ensure that the storage area is clear of any flammable materials.
- **Check for Leaks:** Regularly check propane lines, valves, and connections for leaks or wear. If you detect a leak (such as the smell of gas), shut off the supply immediately, ventilate the area, and call for professional assistance.
- **Refueling Safety:** Always turn off the engine and allow it to cool before refueling any equipment or machinery. When handling fuel or propane, use approved containers and fueling equipment to avoid spills.
- **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):** Wear appropriate PPE, such as gloves and goggles, when working with propane tanks or refueling machinery. Avoid wearing loose clothing that could catch on valves or hoses.
- **Fire Safety:** Have fire extinguishers nearby when handling propane and fuel. Be aware of the risks of static electricity when fueling and avoid using cell phones or any devices that could spark near fueling areas.
- **Winter Propane Use:** For farms in Wisconsin, ensure that propane tanks are protected from freezing temperatures by placing them in a shaded area and keeping valves clear of ice and snow. Propane can vaporize poorly in cold conditions, so check your heating system regularly in the winter months.