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June 2026

E-Newsletter

The Heat is On!

It's officially summer and hurricane season! We're used to warm temps down south but don't forget to take breaks and take in shade often.

According to recently released data from the 2024 Residential Energy Consumption Survey, 4.8 million households across the country rely on propane for their cooking range fuel. And 1.1 million households have a separately installed propane-fueled cooktop. Combined, 4.4% of U.S. households have propane-powered cooking equipment in their home. On a regional basis, the Northeast has the highest concentration of installed propane ranges and cooktops. While indoor propane cooking appliances are used across all types of homes, the most common households cooking with propane are single-family dwellings, which represent 77% of all surveyed households.

Gas cooking equipment offers instant and consistent heat, precise temperature control, and enhanced performance. No wonder gas is the preferred fuel for home and commercial chefs. Cooking with propane is a safe, efficient, and affordable way to prepare meals.

To learn more about the benefits of cooking with propane, visit the Home Use section on PERC's website. For more information, contact NPGA's Senior Director of State Advocacy & Affairs, Jacob Peterson at jpeterson@npga.org.

As always, if you have any questions or need any information regarding the association, please contact the LPGA office at 225-763-8922 or email our Executive Director Randy Hayden at randy@ccilouisiana.com.



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2026-2027 Calendar of Events

June 29-July 2: APGA/LPGA Annual Summer Convention, Hilton Hotel-Pensacola Beach, FL.

June 30: Second Quarter Board of Directors Meeting, Hilton Hotel-Pensacola Beach, FL.

September 2026: Third Quarter Board of Directors Meeting-Date and Location TBD.

November 5-6: State Leadership Summit, The Capital Hilton-Washington, DC.

October 7: National Propane Day!

December 2026: Fourth Quarter Board of Directors Meeting-Date and Location TBD.

April 4-6, 2027: 2027 Southeastern & International Propane Expo, Music City Center-Nashville, TN.

June 7-9, 2027: NPGA Propane Days 2027, Capital Hilton-Washington, DC.

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LA Propane Marketers Invited to Apply for LP Gas Growth Summit

Propane marketers looking to grow their businesses, add operational efficiencies and expand into new markets are encouraged to apply for the LP Gas Growth Summit, set for Sept. 1-3 at Reunion Resort, outside Orlando, Florida. Complimentary participation packages are available for this year's Summit.

The unique networking event, which launched in 2015, brings together retail propane decision-makers and propane industry partners for 2.5 days of one-on-one business meetings, educational opportunities and other networking events. The magazine aims to help propane marketers build lasting partnerships.

Partners confirmed to date for this year's event are: ADD Systems, Anova, Cargas, Fisk Tank Carrier, Gray, Gray & Gray, IPS, JMcLean Energy Insurance, Legacy Energy Consulting, LP Cylinder Service, Metsa, Mopeka, One-Tank, Otodata, PDI Technologies, PriMedia, Quality Steel, Rural Computer Consultants, Tiger Payment Solutions and Westmor Industries.

LP Gas covers marketers' expenses, including two-nights lodging, at the resort. Interested marketers can contact LP Gas Editor-in-Chief Brian Richesson at brichesson@northcoastmedia.net or 216-706-3748 with questions or to inquire about attending. For more information, including highlight videos and interviews with past attendees, or to apply to attend, visit lpgasgrowthsummit.com.

Hurricane Season Starts June 1

Spring produced dangerous weather systems, with large swaths of the country impacted by severe storms, damaging winds, and tornadoes. With hurricane season officially starting June 1, now is the time to ensure your business and your customers are prepared.

While the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) predicts a below-normal hurricane season, National Weather Service Director Ken Graham warns, "...it's essential to review your hurricane preparedness plan now. It only takes one storm to make for a very bad season."

Equip Your Customers: PERC's Propane and Weather Safety webpage has helpful resources to help customers understand propane safety during natural disasters, including hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, and wildfires. We encourage you to share this information on your company website, in emails, on receipts, in mailings, and on social media.

Prepare Your Operations: Take time now to prepare your employees and infrastructure for severe weather.

NPGAid Expands Coverage

NPGAid is an emergency assistance fund for full-time NPGA member company employees who are in need of financial assistance under certain circumstances, and we are thrilled to be expanding! NPGAid now covers all of NPGA's member companies, domestic and international. We also expanded the list of covered events which now includes four categories:

1. Natural disasters such as flood, wildfire, tornado, earthquake, tsunami, volcanic eruption, blizzard, drought, cyclone, hurricane, typhoon or severe storms.
2. Unforeseen events that impact the primary residence and results in significant expenses or repairs, such as a house fire, burglary, or roof damage due to a falling tree.
3. Serious illness or injury (new!)
4. Non-routine/exceptional medical expense (new!)

NPGF selected an impartial third-party, Emergency Assistance Foundation, to administer NPGAid. Click [here](#) to learn more about NPGAid, what it covers, and how you can apply for assistance.

As always, we encourage members to plan ahead with suppliers in case of supply disruptions, infrastructure issues, or high demand.

Resources & Contact Info

- Visit weather.gov/safety and Ready.gov/business for general disaster preparedness information.
- For more information, please contact NPGA's Senior Manager of State Association Relations, Eric Sears at Esears@npga.org.





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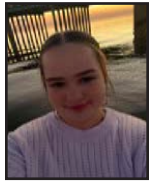
NPGF Announces 2026 Scholarship Recipients

The National Propane Gas Foundation (NPGF) is delighted to announce the 2026 scholarship recipients. NPGF awarded 118 scholarships for a total of \$183,000 this year – the most awards and highest total dollar amount ever. These accomplished students represent 35 states and 81 NPGA member companies – truly a cross-section of the propane industry. See a complete list of all 118 award recipients and read Scholarship Program updates in the annual Transcripts newsletter. Congratulations to these students and their families!

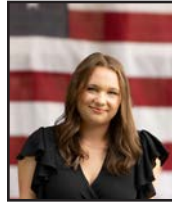
Three NPGF Scholarship Recipients are from Louisiana and we would like to recognize them:



Name: Lauren Meche
Award: Marie Daniels Memorial Scholarship
Hometown: Port Barre, Louisiana
School: University of Louisiana at Lafayette
Year: Senior
Major: Early Childhood Education
Parent: Bryce Meche is employed by Reed Gas Propane Company in Opelousas, Louisiana



Name: Isabella Finch
Award: Marie Daniels Memorial Scholarship
Hometown: Denham Springs, Louisiana
School: Southeastern Louisiana University
Year: Freshman
Major: Microbiology
Parent: Derek Hollingsworth is employed by Amerigas Propane LP in Baton Rouge, Louisiana



Name: Emma Kieffer
Award: Joe and Naomi Cordill Scholarship
Hometown: Mount Hermon, Louisiana
School: University of New Orleans
Year: Sophomore
Major: Civil Engineering
Parent: Elizabeth Kieffer is employed by Lampton Love in Franklinton, Louisiana



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June Safety Tips of the Week from PERC

•**Safety Precautions When Performing Maintenance Activities:** When inspecting or servicing bulk plant equipment, always wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) as required by your company, which may include eye protection, hearing protection, footwear, gloves, and head protection.

•**Handling Cylinders:** When lifting, moving, or carrying a cylinder - always try to reduce strain, force, and repetition. Rotate job tasks, use different muscle groups, and try to keep your work positioned between your waist and chest.

•**Inspecting Cylinders:** Carefully examine the overall fitness of each cylinder before filling or loading for transport. Look for cracks or leaks; bulging; dents; damaged or defective valves, foot rings, or pressure relief devices; and any evidence of abuse, heat damage, or excessive rust.

•**Filling Vehicle-Mounted ASME Tanks:** Before filling an ASME motor and mobile fuel tank, be sure no one is inside the vehicle and the vehicle ignition is turned off.

If filling a motor fuel tank on an RV, be sure to turn off all appliance pilot lights and electronic ignition systems.

•**Using Cylinder Dollies and Lift Gates:** Dollies and lift gates are essential equipment for delivering and moving cylinders. By understanding how to maintain and use them properly, you can help ensure safe deliveries and prevent personal injury.



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NPGA Applies for Nearly \$1 Million in PHMSA Hazmat Grants

The National Propane Gas Association has submitted three grant applications to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) seeking a combined total of \$975,000 to support hazardous materials safety, emergency preparedness, and community outreach initiatives nationwide through Fall of 2028.

The applications were submitted under PHMSA's Local Emergency Response Training (ALERT), Supplemental Public Sector Training (SPST), and Community Safety Grant (CSG) programs. If awarded, these projects would expand NPGA's ongoing efforts to improve hazardous materials transportation safety, strengthen emergency preparedness, and enhance collaboration among industry, emergency responders, public officials, and community stakeholders.

The largest proposal, RAILS SAFE would establish a nationwide hazardous materials emergency response training initiative focused on incidents involving flammable liquids, gases, corrosive materials, and other hazardous commodities transported by rail. The project would utilize a blended training model combining electronic instruction with hands-on exercises and practical field training delivered through NPGA's nationwide network of state and regional propane association affiliates. This project is supported by the Illinois Central Railroad Company and Wisconsin Central Ltd. (together known as CN), both operating as Class 1 railroads.

According to CN, "NPGA has a strong history of offering relevant and capable training for volunteer and remote emergency responders. And their strong network of state affiliates offers a wide breadth of opportunities for both remote and on-site training at rail terminals for propane, butane, and other compressed gases. Thus, we believe they are uniquely qualified to take full advantage of this grant opportunity."

Under the SPST program, NPGA proposed HAZMAT SAFE-T, a train-the-trainer initiative designed to increase the number of qualified hazardous materials instructors available to support statutorily responsible hazmat responders. The project would provide instructor development, curriculum support, practical exercises, and training resources for future trainers serving

fire service personnel, hazardous materials teams, emergency managers, and other safety professionals.

NPGA's last submission, the Community SHIELD program is designed to support a national hazardous materials transportation safety awareness and preparedness campaign. This project would utilize electronic instruction, stakeholder engagement activities, community preparedness workshops, tabletop exercises, and educational resource development to help municipal leaders and hazmat planning chiefs better prepare for and respond to accidents and incidents involving the transportation of hazardous materials to prevent tragedies and damages.

All three applications leverage NPGA's established network of 36 affiliated state and regional propane associations, longstanding partnerships with emergency response organizations, and successful history administering PHMSA-funded programs. Most recently, NPGA administered a nationwide Hazardous Materials Instructor Training (HMIT) grant that coordinated activities through 13 state and regional propane association partners, utilizing 84 trainers to conduct 76 training events across 16 states and train more than 2,100 future trainers in hazardous materials transportation safety and emergency response procedures.

Funding decisions are expected following PHMSA's review process. If selected, the projects would further strengthen the NPGA's commitment to transportation safety, emergency preparedness, public education, and partnership with emergency responders and community stakeholders across the U.S.

Those organizations or communities interested in participating in any of these three programs are encouraged to reach out to NPGA's manager of grants and agency engagement, Nicholas Edward, at nedward@npga.org.



Keep Your Customers Safe

June is National Safety Month, a timely reminder that safety is more than a priority in the propane industry. It's a responsibility we share every day.

Whether propane is powering a home, supporting operations on the farm, or fueling equipment at a commercial site, safe use starts with education. And that starts with us.

Every customer who uses propane should understand how to operate their propane systems safely. That means helping customers know their equipment, recognize problems, and understand when to call a professional for support.

Safety also starts long before a customer ever uses propane. It begins with well-trained employees who know how to listen, observe, and respond to potential issues before they become incidents. Whether it's a routine service call or a delivery stop, every interaction is an opportunity to reinforce safety.

When everyone knows their role, we create a stronger culture of safety that protects employees, customers,

and communities.

National Safety Month is a great time to recommit to that culture and make sure safety education remains front and center.

I encourage you to use this month as a reminder to review your safety practices, talk with your teams, and share trusted propane safety resources with your customers. Visit propane.com/safety for consumer and commercial safety resources and explore The Learning Center for not just safety training, but customer service and market support as well. And if you haven't already, register now for the Every Day Safe program.

Because when we lead with safety, we help keep propane users, and each other, safe every day.



Safety Is a Shared Responsibility

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▶ Access safety resources to share with your customers at propane.com/safety

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