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May 2026

E-Newsletter

Bring on the Summer Sun!

If you have not registered for the APGA/LPGA Annual Summer Convention and are planning to attend, please submit your registration form and payment as soon as possible! The convention will be held June 29th-July 2nd at the Pensacola Hilton in Pensacola Beach, FL with a packed agenda for all. It is important for us to get a headcount ahead of time to ensure numbers for activities, dinners, etc. Thank you to those of you who have already registered! If you have any questions or issues, don't hesitate to reach out to Laural Bunn at the APGA office.

The survey window for PERC's 2025 retail propane sales report has been extended to June 1. You can still participate!

This report has become the benchmark for understanding where our industry stands — and where it's headed. That clarity is only possible because propane professionals across the country take the time to participate. That's why PERC is asking for your help.

Your responses remain strictly confidential and anonymous. Only aggregated summary statistics are reported. Individual company data is never shared with third parties. In preparation for the survey, please make sure you have the appropriate contact information on file with PERC. If you are unsure whether your info is correct, please email salesreport@propane.com.

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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This is the most current list of paid members we have as of May 26, 2026. If you have any questions, please reach out to the LPGA office. Thank you to those members who have already paid and turned in dues for 2026!



APGA/LPGA Summer Convention
June 29 - July 2, 2026
AGENDA

Monday, June 29

TIME	EVENT
4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Registration
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Welcome Reception (Sponsored by Alabama & Louisiana Suppliers)

Tuesday, June 30

TIME	EVENT
8:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	Alabama Suppliers Meeting
8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Joint Seminars
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Alabama General Membership/Board of Directors Meeting
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Louisiana Committee Meetings and General Membership/Board of Directors Meeting
12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Lunch and Activities on Your Own
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Dolphin Cruise on The Frisky Mermaid
8:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.	Awards
8:15 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Dessert Extravaganza, Reverse Raffle & Silent Auction
	(Fundraiser for the David Reeves, Don Haden, Bill Montgomery and Marie Daniel Scholarships)

Wednesday, July 1

TIME	EVENT
5:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	In-Shore Fishing - Hot Spot Charters (Shaggy's Bar & Grill)
9:00 a.m. - until	Chris Connally Memorial Golf Tournament (Tiger Point Golf Course)
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Hangin' on the Beach
6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	President's Island Time Dinner/with Musician Lisa Zanghi

All Convention Events are Resort Casual

2026 Calendar of Events

May 29: USDA Grants for Rural Business Development Webinar

June 1: Deadline for Annual Retail Propane Sales Report.

June 1: Louisiana Legislative Session Adjourns.

June 7-9: NPGA Propane Days, Hilton Washington, DC-Capitol Hill.

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.

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

Electricity Less Green Than Advertised

Recently released data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration show that, in 2025, approximately 34.20 quadrillion (quads) units of energy were consumed to produce only 14.31 quads of electricity. In other words, 19.89 quadrillion Btus of energy – 58% of all energy inputted -- was lost. Most of this energy was lost, as heat, at electric power plants, with additional losses occurring during the movement of electrons on transmission and distribution lines from a generation plant to an electrical outlet. The inherent inefficiencies in the production of electricity at thermal power plants means that producers must burn more fuel to compensate for the energy that is wasted. As a result, additional greenhouse gases, like carbon dioxide, and criteria air pollutants, such as sulfur dioxide, are released into the air and atmosphere. This is bad for air quality and the climate. .

Furthermore, utility-scale electricity production is also very water-intensive due to the demand for cooling water to condense steam at thermal plants. In 2021, more than 47 trillion gallons of water were used by the electric power sector, making power plants the largest source of water withdrawals in the country. In contrast to the bulk electric grid, the direct-use of propane remains a clean and very efficient way to consume energy, especially from energy-intensive building applications such as space and water heating.

For more information, contact NPGA's Senior Director of State Affairs, Jacob Peterson at jpeterson@npga.org.

Single-Family Home Construction on the Rise

According to recently released data from the 2024 Residential Energy Consumption Survey (RECS), the number of single-family homes in the U.S. increased from 84.5 million in 2020, to 91.1 million in 2024, an increase of 7.8 percent. Over this four-year period, the country added 6.6 million single-family homes – with 3 million constructed in rural areas. The size of homes is also increasing. The average square footage of a single-family home is now 2,248 square feet, up from 2,207 square feet in 2020.

In the residential market, single-family homes – especially those in rural areas – are disproportionately likely to use propane for space and water heating applications. This is due to the unique energy and economic characteristics of detached dwellings, which are different than apartments, condominiums, or townhouses. Space heating is, by a significant margin, the most energy-intensive application in a single-family home. In contrast, in many multi-family homes, such as apartments, water heating dominates energy use because of the thermal benefits of being physically connected to another unit within a larger structure.

As homes increase in size, as is the trend nationally, the amount of energy needed to keep them at a comfortable temperature during the heating season, increases as well.

Across the country, Texas, Florida, and North Carolina are seeing large increases in single-family home construction. Combined, these three states have 655,000 households using propane for primary space heating. For more information on the benefits of using propane in the residential sector, visit the Home Use section of PERC's website.

For more information, contact NPGA's Senior Director of State Advocacy & Affairs, Jacob Peterson at jpeterson@npga.org.



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USDA Grants for Rural Business Development: May 29 Webinar

Rural communities across the country are facing familiar challenges: workforce shortages, aging infrastructure, limited access to technical assistance, and increasing pressure to support local economic growth. The US Department of Agriculture's Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) program may provide an opportunity to address many of these needs while opening new pathways for propane-related projects and partnerships.

Administered through USDA Rural Development, the RBDG program supports economic development and job creation efforts in rural communities through grants awarded to eligible public entities, nonprofits, tribal governments, higher education institutions, and cooperatives. Unlike many infrastructure programs, RBDG grants are specifically designed to assist small and emerging businesses and strengthen local economic ecosystems through planning, technical assistance, workforce development, and business support activities.

The program is divided into two primary categories: Business Enterprise Grants and Business Opportunity Grants. Enterprise grants support activities that directly benefit small and emerging businesses, while Opportunity grants support broader economic development initiatives and strategic planning efforts.

Eligible activities are broad and can include workforce training, business counseling, technical assistance, leadership development, feasibility studies, revolving loan funds, distance learning programs, and planning initiatives.

For the propane industry, the range of possibilities is significant.

Potential propane-related projects could include technician workforce development programs, CDL and driver training initiatives, emergency preparedness planning, propane education programs for agricultural communities, rural energy resilience projects, small marketer technical assistance initiatives, and feasibility studies related to propane-powered infrastructure or transportation systems.

To help members better understand the opportunity, the National Propane Gas Association will host a

webinar on May 29th at 2:00 PM covering the USDA Rural Business Development Grant program. The webinar will provide an overview of eligible project types, discuss how propane-related initiatives may fit within program requirements, and explain strategies for building stronger, more competitive applications.

The webinar will also highlight how NPGA can assist members and partners throughout the process—from identifying opportunities and evaluating project concepts to helping applicants understand requirements and strengthen submissions.

As rural communities continue searching for tools to support economic growth and workforce development, programs like RBDG may provide another avenue to advance propane priorities while delivering meaningful local benefits.

To access the webinar, follow this link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/jc/79972483331>

Meeting ID: 799 7248 3331

Passcode: 3nFjGy

For more information, please reach out to NPGA's Grants and Agency Engagement Manager, Nicholas Edward, at nedward@npga.org.



Choosing Propane to Heat Groundwater

Water heating is the second most energy-intensive application in most households. And in homes that are physically connected to other homes, such as apartments and condominiums, water heating often requires more energy than space heating. Groundwater that is colder requires water heaters to work harder because the delta between the temperature of the incoming water and 120 degrees Fahrenheit is greater.

Of course, the temperature of groundwater is not uniform across the country. Groundwater is colder in northern states and areas at high elevation. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the average temperature of shallow groundwater in northern Minnesota is a chilly 37 degrees, while in parts of southern Florida it is a mild 77 degrees. North of the 37th parallel, U.S. groundwater is generally below 60 degrees.

The temperature of incoming water for a home is particularly noteworthy when it comes to selecting an energy source to power a tankless water heater. Tankless water heaters continue to grow in popularity due to the energy

and cost savings they offer over traditional tank models. However, tankless water heaters powered by electricity can struggle to perform in parts of the country with cold groundwater. Propane-fired tankless water heaters, in contrast, can meet the job even parts of the country with extremely cold groundwater because of its high BTU content and ability to produce a large amount of heat immediately.

Across the country, 3% of households rely on propane for water heating. Propane's water heater market share is highest in Vermont (20%) and lowest in Florida (1%). For more information, contact NPGA's Senior Director of State Advocacy & Affairs, Jacob Peterson at jpeterson@npga.org.



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According to recently finalized data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), in 2024 propane-air systems in the U.S. supplied 609 million cubic feet of synthetic natural gas, or approximately 6.9 million gallons of propane to energy customers. In 2024, propane-air facilities supported the natural gas distribution system in nine states: Connecticut, Hawaii, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nebraska, Vermont, and Virginia. Maryland, Nebraska and Virginia accounted for 87 percent of supplied propane-air. Propane-air plants are located in 30 states across the country, from Hawaii to Vermont.

At its peak in 1980, propane-air plants supplied 20.4 billion cubic feet of synthetic natural gas, or approximately 233 million gallons of propane that year. While the use of propane-air plants has waned during the 21st Century, the build-out of data centers that are connected to the natural grid presents a new opportunity to reevaluate this technology. Data centers consume vast amounts of energy – electrons and molecules. Data center operators, and the LDCs that serve them, should look at the economic and resilience benefits of locating propane-air plants onsite to help provide necessary energy to these massive computing centers. And propane marketers should be ready to engage these new customers.

For more information on propane-air facilities, contact NPGA's Senior Director of State Advocacy & Affairs, Jacob Peterson at jpeterson@npga.org.

Register for 2026 Propane Days

There's still time to register for Propane Days, June 7-9, in Washington, DC. Register here!

The Propane Days 2026 Agenda is packed with important activities, including NPGA's Annual and Board of Directors Meeting, Marketer & State/District Director Meetings, and a fireside chat with The Honorable Laura V. Swett, Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on June 8. FERC is instrumental in pipeline operations and ensuring just and reasonable pipeline rates. The program on Tuesday, June 9, includes a breakfast before in-person NPGA member meetings on Capitol Hill, with the day capped off with a Congressional Reception.

If you have questions concerning registration or hotel accommodations, please contact the NPGA Meetings Department at meetings@npga.org.

If you have questions regarding the meeting agenda, please contact Nancy Padilla at npadilla@npga.org.



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Engaging with Automotive Service Technicians

For fleet operators, uptime is everything. Every hour a vehicle is out of service can disrupt routes, delay customer service, and add pressure to already busy maintenance teams. That makes automotive service technicians an essential audience for the propane industry. By engaging directly with technicians, propane marketers can strengthen confidence in propane autogas and help fleets understand how propane supports simpler, more predictable vehicle service.

As vehicle technology continues to evolve, technicians are being asked to maintain increasingly complex systems. Propane autogas systems are straightforward, with fewer moving parts than many emerging vehicle technologies. Propane's cleaner combustion means reduced engine wear, longer service intervals, and less downtime. For technicians, that means faster diagnostics, simpler repairs, and greater confidence when maintaining vehicles that need to return to service quickly. For fleet operators, it means propane autogas can support uptime without adding unnecessary complexity to the maintenance process.

Propane marketers are well positioned to communicate these benefits because they already serve as trusted local energy partners. When marketers talk with fleet managers, school districts, transit agencies, delivery companies, or municipal operations, the conversation should not stop at fuel price or emissions performance. It should also include the people responsible for keeping those vehicles running. Maintenance teams need to know that propane autogas can fit into their existing workflow, rather than requiring a complete overhaul of their facilities.

Education is a key part of that outreach. PERC offers an autogas inspection course designed to help technicians understand propane autogas systems, perform inspections safely, and maintain vehicles with confidence.

As PERC spotlights automotive service technicians, propane marketers have an opportunity to deepen engagement with one of the most influential audiences in fleet operations.



Help Drive Propane Autogas Adoption

Automotive service technicians play a critical role in expanding propane autogas — and many are looking for the right training to get started. Our training resources, including the Propane Autogas Vehicle Inspection Training, help technicians build confidence working with propane systems, with clear, easy-to-understand guidance that supports safe, reliable service.

Strengthen your local network and support market growth by connecting technicians with the tools they need to succeed.

Partner with technicians in your area and share our training at training.propane.com



May Safety Tips of the Week from PERC

- Understanding the Safety Data Sheet (SDS): A Safety supervisor.
Data Sheet (SDS) provides information about a chemical's hazards. Anyone who might come into contact with the chemical should understand the potential dangers and how to safely handle the product.

- Handling, Storing, and Transferring Methanol and Other Flammable Liquids: Methanol should never come in contact with your skin, eyes, or mouth. Always wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) whenever you handle methanol.

- Anhydrous Ammonia Properties and Hazards: Anhydrous ammonia is an inhalation hazard. At certain concentrations, exposure to anhydrous ammonia can disable or suffocate you. Direct contact with your skin or eyes can cause frostbite, burns or blindness.

- Recognizing and Testing for Anhydrous Ammonia: You can recognize anhydrous ammonia contamination by its smell or by evidence of a blue-green corrosion on brass or copper fittings. If either of these signs are present, stop your activity, isolate the container, and alert your



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