

## Top 5 Safety and Efficiency Tips for Storing, Using and Purchasing Propane During Winter

PERC recommends that residential consumers follow a few steps to ensure a worry-free Winter of propane use.



- 1. Make sure that you have an adequate propane supply.** Call your local Co-Alliance branch about our Keep-Full program so there's always enough propane in your tank. This will help avoid ever running empty if inaccessible roads delay deliveries.
- 2. Confirm your heating system and appliances are running efficiently.** Before the start of each heating season, have a qualified service technician inspect and service your appliances and propane system. When appliances are running as efficiently as possible, you conserve fuel and save money.
- 3. Install and set a programmable thermostat.** You could save an estimated 10% per year on heating costs by using a programmable thermostat, and by resetting it when you are asleep or away from home you won't have to sacrifice comfort.
- 4. Use sunlight to your advantage.** During winter months, you can take advantage of sunlight by opening your curtains during the day to allow the sun to naturally heat your home.
- 5. Reduce energy for water heating.** Water heating is a large energy expense, accounting for about 14% to 18% of most home utility bills. By taking low-cost steps such as making sure your water heater is set to no higher than 120 degrees Fahrenheit and installing low-flow showerheads or temperature sensitive shower valves, you can reduce your water heating bills. For more information, visit the [Propane Education and Research Council's page](#).

