

# Power Outages

## No Power? Propane Appliances Keep You Going

Almost 90% of American homes will experience a power outage sometime during the year. To some, these power outages are considered a nuisance; yet to many, they can cause economic and lifestyle hardships. One in three adults (32%) say a lengthy loss of power would have at least some impact on their personal financial situation.

Several propane appliances are available that can help you stay “on-line” during these inconvenient times.

## Standby Generators Deliver on Demand

For residents in hurricane states and other areas that experience severe weather, propane standby generators are an attractive option. These units can supply power to keep food from spoiling, provide air conditioning and access to communications, and keep important medical devices functioning for several days. A propane standby generator can pay for itself after one lengthy power outage.

Several other propane appliances can provide exceptional energy during a multitude of weather conditions:

## Propane Fireplaces Provide Heat When You Need It Most

The benefits a propane fireplace offer homeowners are plentiful, including a backup source of heat during a power outage. That’s because most propane units don’t require electricity to operate. Propane fireplaces produce twice as much heat per hour as a wood-burning unit.

## Propane Water Heaters Keep on Flowin’

Most propane water heaters do not require electricity to operate, so you’ll still have hot water for your family. That’s a good thing, since a family of four uses about 60 gallons of hot water every day.

## Cooking Up (During) a Storm

During a storm or power outage, with a propane cooking appliance, you can still prepare meals for your family. So, you can feel a sense of security with propane knowing that even in terrible weather conditions, all your cooking needs can still be met and, in some cases, something as important as boiling water for an infant’s bottle won’t be interrupted.



## Benefits of Propane Appliances During a Power Outage

### Fireplaces

Many propane fireplaces have the capability to constantly heat a particular section of the house, providing enough comfort for families to enjoy many of their daily activities. This is important, especially for people who are susceptible to extreme changes in temperature, such as the elderly and young children.

### Water Heaters

Activities such as giving a child a bath and the ability to hand-wash dishes and clothing can still take place because most propane water heaters don’t use electricity to operate.

### Cooking Appliances

The ability to maintain a regular cooking schedule during a power outage provides many benefits to a family, such as boiling water for an infant’s bottle or being able to provide hot meals for your family.

## Whole-House Benefits of Propane-Fueled Standby Generators

- Propane standby generators are more beneficial than portable generators because they are permanently installed and will supply electricity to selected circuits whether you’re home or not.
- During a power outage, propane standby generators make sure important electric appliances such as air-conditioning units, sump pumps, home-business equipment and security equipment can continue operating.

**For more information on propane appliances and methods to cope with power outages, please visit:**

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