



Ouston Parish Council

GUIDANCE NOTES - LIQUID PETROLEUM GAS APPLIANCES AND CYLINDERS

1. The appliance (heater or stove) should be positioned away from combustible materials and sited on a stable base. Where space is limited, and persons may come within close proximity to the element, a British Standard fireguard should be fitted. Heaters must be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and must have adequate ventilation.
2. Adequate ventilation (at high and low levels) should be maintained to the site of the appliance which should be positioned away from draughts.
3. Only appliances designed for LPG use should be connected to an LPG source.
4. The correct type and size of cylinder must be used. Do not use any makeshift adaptation to connect a propane cylinder to a butane heater or regulator as this is very dangerous. A regulator correctly matched to the appliance should be fitted and the distance from the cylinder to the regulator should be as short as possible.
5. Cylinders should be kept outside of the space in which the appliance is used, protected from tampering and well ventilated. Cylinders must be properly secured and kept upright and should never be allowed to lie in water. A metal cage is ideal for a cylinder housing. Empty cylinders must not be stored on the site and must be returned to the supplier as soon as they become empty.
6. Only change cylinders in the open air. Do not smoke when changing a cylinder. Keep people not involved in the installation or change of an appliance or cylinder well away. This applies particularly to children. Keep vehicles away also. Do not light fires in the vicinity of an appliance or cylinder. Keep weeds and grass in the vicinity cut down. Do not use a chlorate based weedkiller in the vicinity as it can be a fire hazard.
7. Pipes or flexible tubing should be inspected regularly for wear, leaks or deterioration due to age. Flexible tubing should only be used before the regulator, and gas should ideally be supplied to the appliance by fixed rigid metal pipework. Make sure that the pipework or flexible hose from the cylinder to the point of use is protected.
8. Tube connections should be secured, and slip-on hosing is unacceptable. If there is a leak at the cylinder or associated pipework, call the LPG supplier to come and make it safe. If an appliance is leaking or not working properly, ask a GAS SAFETY registered gas fitter to check it.
9. It is essential that the manufacturer's instructions are followed in every detail when using LPG appliances and cylinders. The Council will not accept any responsibility whatsoever for the use or misuse of these items.

Oil, fuel, lubricants or other inflammable liquids shall not be stored in any structure except in an approved container. Any form of fuel must be stored away from any heating device.