



## **ABOVEGROUND PROPANE TANK INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR GUIDELINES**

### **Protecting Your Container**

- ✓ Your aboveground propane tank between 125 and 500 gallons must be installed at least 10 feet from a building or line of an adjoining property. DOT cylinders can be placed next to a building with certain restrictions.
- ✓ When installing your container and any enclosures around the container such as fences, boxes, etc., there are code requirements that you must follow. Keep in mind that a propane delivery truck and personnel will need clear access to the container throughout the year.
- ✓ You are responsible for advising all contractors and workers who are involved in any construction, excavation, snow removal or landscaping activity that is conducted in the area of an aboveground tank.

### **Painting Your Container**

- ✓ Propane containers must be painted to help prevent corrosion. In most cases your container will already be painted.
- ✓ If you do paint your container, use only reflective colors. DO NOT paint the date plate or any valves, gauges, or warning labels.

### **Inspecting & Maintaining Your Container**

- ✓ Tanks require periodic inspection and recertification. DOT tanks must be recertified after 12 years then every 5 years thereafter. ASME tanks must be inspected for signs of corrosion and tank wall integrity every 5 years.

### **Protecting Your Aboveground Tank from Flooding and Extreme Weather**

- ✓ National regulations require that aboveground propane tanks in areas prone to flooding be anchored securely to avoid potentially dangerous situations. You must have your container properly anchored if you live in or near a flood plain, or in an area where coastal flooding may occur.
- ✓ Make sure your tank and propane system are properly secured for all types of extreme weather that may occur in your area. It is your responsibility to have your tank and system repaired and inspected by a qualified service technician if damaged from extreme weather such as hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, earthquakes and high winds.

### **Understand All Warnings and Labels**

- ✓ Make sure you understand and follow all warnings and labels on your tank and propane system. This will help to ensure your system operates safely and efficiently.

### **Understand the Terms and Conditions of the Tank Warranty**

- ✓ Some manufacturers will extend their warranty only to the original purchaser of the tank. If you purchase a tank from a dealer of other party, the warranty will be voided. Be sure to understand the terms and conditions of the warranty before you decide to purchase a tank.

### **Check with your Homeowner's Insurance Provider**

- ✓ Some insurers may have special conditions or requirements specific to tank ownership. Contact your homeowner's insurance provider, inform them that you own your tank and confirm that you have insurance coverage in the event of a problem.