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# HEATING FUEL STORAGE CARD

Where propane, kerosene, firewood and ashes belong. State and local codes and your manufacturer's instructions come first.

## PROPANE CYLINDERS

- ☐ **Stored outdoors, even empty ones**
  Never indoors, in a garage, basement or crawl space
- ☐ **Upright on the foot ring**
  Never on its side or upside down
- ☐ **Valve closed; old POL valve plugged**
  Never plug an Acme (external-thread) valve
- ☐ **Out of the sun, away from heat and flame**
  Not beside a south-facing dark or masonry wall
- ☐ **Where it can't be knocked over**
  Spares away from a running grill
- ☐ **Straight home after a refill**
  Valve closed and capped; never left in the car

## KEROSENE

- ☐ **Blue kerosene can only**
  Never red, never a can that held gasoline
- ☐ **Stored apart from other fuel cans**
- ☐ **Outside the home, in a safety-approved can**
  Self-closing cap, flame-arrester spout
- ☐ **Water-clear 1-K grade only**
  From a dealer who can certify it
- ☐ **Heater refilled outdoors, off and cool**
  Never above the full mark

## FIREWOOD

- ☐ **Seasoned at least six months**
  Under 20 percent moisture burns best
- ☐ **Outdoors, off the ground**
  Top covered, sides open
- ☐ **25 to 30 feet from the house**
  Never against the house or on or under a deck
- ☐ **Plants cleared around the pile**
  Ask your fire department what applies locally
- ☐ **Only a day's worth by the door**
  Keep it 3 feet from the stove or fireplace

## ASHES

- ☐ **Covered metal can**
- ☐ **Kept outdoors on a surface that can't burn**

## MONTHLY WALKAROUND

- ☐ **Cylinders upright and outside**
- ☐ **One blue can, on its own**
- ☐ **Woodpile still well away from the house**
- ☐ **Ash can closed**
- ☐ **Smoke and CO alarms tested**
  Smell gas? Leave and call 911

**Want the reasoning and the sources behind each line? Read the full guide on the TacticalBox blog.**
tacticalbox.com/blogs/tacticalbox-blog

Sources: NC Dept. of Agriculture propane storage (NFPA 58); NPGA propane do's and don'ts (NJ DCA); CPSC kerosene heater safety; Manchester NH Fire; SC State Fire winter heating safety; EPA Burn Wise; Minnesota DNR defensible space; Fire Safe Marin; U.S. Fire Administration. Call 911 in an emergency.