

Propane Use in Residential & Commercial Builder Market Facts

Propane delivers premium performance and offers the flexibility to tackle nearly all of a building's major energy needs — in both residential and commercial construction.

Propane use in residential and commercial buildings

- Propane is used in a variety of residential and commercial building applications including:
 - Space heating
 - Clothes drying
 - Cooking
 - Fireplaces
 - Outdoor living
 - Backup generators
 - Water heating
- Propane is used in many residential and commercial applications because it offers reliable comfort, increased energy efficiency, reduced emissions, and deluxe appliance options.

Market snapshot

- Nearly 75 percent of odorized propane sold in 2016 was for residential and commercial uses.
- Roughly 12 million U.S. households use propane for space heating, water heating, or cooking.
- The propane industry provided energy to nearly one million commercial customers in 2016.
- Nearly 39 billion gallons of propane were sold for residential uses — including space heating, water heating, cooking, and power generation — between 2009 and 2016.
- More than 12 billion gallons of propane were sold for commercial uses — including space heating, water heating, cooking, and power generation — between 2009 and 2016.
- The amount of propane consumed by U.S. households in 2016 for space heating, cooking, water heating, and other household uses could fill nearly one billion propane grill tanks.
- Generally, a 500-gallon tank can meet the annual energy needs of an average single-family home.