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April 12-14, 2014	NPGA Southeastern Convention Atlanta, GA
June 3-4, 2014	Propane Days Washington, DC
June 23-24, 2014	Summer Membership Meeting & Bobtail Rodeo Glade Springs, WV Daniels, WV



**Website and Social Media
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State Propane Industry**

Colder weather has arrived to the state (some parts even have had snow in October). That means the propane industry is gearing up now to meet greater customer demands and fulfilling heating needs.

It is a good idea to bookmark the WVPGA website address (www.wvpropanegas.org). There you will find notices of hours of service waivers when issued. You will also find winter safety tips to share with customers for free downloading or you can just send them the link.

You can make your smart phone "smarter" by downloading the twitter app, creating a twitter account (takes less than 5 minutes to do so) and start following "@wvpga." Once a day a tweet goes out with info that has something of use for those in the WV propane industry. Recent tweets covered preparing trucks for cold weather, marketing portable heaters and safe delivery procedures.

@wvpga also has weather and road updates to help you know what is going within the WV weather service and state transportation system.

If you have a Facebook account, then friend "West Virginia Propane Gas Association" and you will get additional info to help you. You may quickly find us on Facebook and Twitter by going to www.wvpropanegas.org and clicking on the appropriate icon at the upper left of the home page.

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Safety Modules Help Customers Prepare for Winter

Help your customers prepare for winter with customizable safety modules from the Propane Education & Research Council. The interactive modules can be downloaded from PERC's propane-safety.com site, and emailed to customers.

Best of all, the modules can be quickly customized with your company logo and contact information, along with an opening and closing message to customers.

Visit the interactive modules page to download the modules. To customize a module, visit the Custom Module Center www.propanecustommodulecenter.com/ and view a video and the *How It Works* section for an easy step-by-step guide.

Or check out the Safety section found on the left hand side of www.wvpropanegas.org for copies of these modules.



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Propane-fueled Mowers are Kicking Grass

The Propane Mower Incentive Program will continue in 2014, offering a financial incentive to lawn and landscape professionals that purchase a qualified propane-fueled commercial mower and supply data on mower usage for one growing season. The Propane Education & Research Council has already approved more than 940 applications for the incentive this year. Each mower uses an average of 1,000 gallons of propane annually.

Under this program, a firm can receive up to \$1,000 after purchasing a new mower or \$500 for a converted mower, and providing feedback and performance data with PERC. Visit the Mower Incentive Program page for specifics, a list of qualified equipment, and to apply to participate.

Propane fuel has become the top alternative fuel for landscape contractors, and next year is promising to see more growth. Landscape contractors are now buying the mowers they will be using in their busy spring season.

Railcar Product Transfer Safety Info Updated

A course on the safe handling and transferring of propane in and out of railcars has been updated and is available for purchase. T

The Performing Railcar Product Transfers and Maintaining DOT Intermodal Tanks program is designed to help staff prepare for CETP certification.

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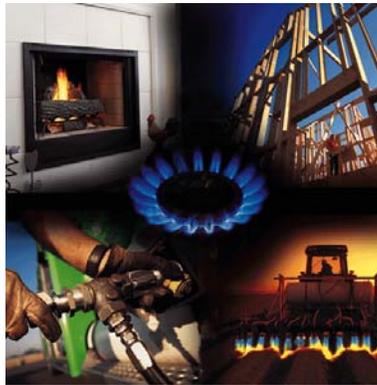
WHAT'S NEW IN THIS EDITION?

The newest edition of NFPA 58 (2014) is now out. NPGA was once again heavily involved in the development of the code and achieved success on 93% of the proposals it developed and submitted.

Although NPGA is represented by three voting members on the NFPA Technical Committee on Liquefied Petroleum Gases, several other NPGA members representing other entities also participate on the committee.

Here are some of the changes in the 2014 edition of NFPA 58:

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• **A "bulk plant,"** is defined as "a facility that stores LP-Gas in containers of more than 4,000 gallons (water capacity) prior to further distribution as a liquid for use at other facilities."

• **A "facility hose,"** used to unload product from cargo tank vehicles into a bulk plant or industrial plant, is required to be protected by an automatic system to stop the flow of gas in the event of a complete hose separation.

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• **New provisions** for providing protection for installations from impact from motor vehicles, which were developed and introduced by NPGA. The code will now mention several options for achieving the required protection.

• **Underground metallic piping** greater than 1-inch in diameter shall be protected by a cathodic protection system.

These are some of the more significant changes that appear in the 2014 edition of NFPA 58 "Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code." The NFPA 58 Handbook will be available for purchase in December. You may order copies through the WVPGA Association office.