

## RANCHO SANTA FE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT P.O. Box 410, Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067 Telephone 858-756-5971 / Fax 858-756-4799 PROPANE HEATER INFORMATION GUIDE



A propane heater permit shall be required when the use of any gas fired portable heater(s) are to be used. The Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District will issue an annual hazard control permit for any propane heater under the following conditions, in accordance with the California Building Code (CBC) and California Fire Code (CFC), 2007 Edition and NFPA 58 - Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code

## **General Requirements**

- Heaters shall display a U.L. listing number or other nationally recognized standard.
- Heaters shall be used in **open-air areas only**. Indoor use is not permitted.
- Heaters shall be equipped with a safety tilt shut-off switch.
- Heaters shall be set upon a firm and level foundation.
- Permit shall be kept on site. (CFC 105.1, 105.6.27)

## Specific Use Requirements

- Placement of heater(s) **shall not** be closer than 10 from any building. (CFC 3807.3 and Table 3804.3)
- Heaters shall not obstruct the clear path of exits. (CFC 1003.6)
- Heaters shall maintain a minimum of 10-foot clearance from any combustible material. (CFC 3807.3)
- Heaters shall not be stored or used within any structure. (CFC 3809.7)
- The storage of **spare** cylinders are **not allowed**. (CFC 3809.7)

## Safety Rules

In the event that a gas leak should occur, take the following steps:

- 1. Immediately shut-off gas valve.
- 2. Never test for a leak using an open flame. Use soapy water.
- 3. Eliminate all possible sources of ignition
- 4. Should the leak continue contact Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District (911)

Note: The issuance of an annual hazard control permit does not supersede any leasehold agreements and / or other contractual conditions.

This is not an all inclusive list for the requirements of the use of portable heaters. Special conditions may apply based on the details of the particular application and/or intended use. Contact the Fire Prevention Bureau for further details at 858-756-5971.