



## **Looking After Your LPG Tank**



Here at BDS Fuels, we want to ensure we fully comply with the Codes of Practice (COP 1 Part 1, COP 1 Part 2 & COP Part 4), which are the industry standards as set out by Liquid Gas UK. We have provided this information sheet which covers the basics of the Codes of Practice, which you as a customer need to be aware of. Full Codes of Practice are available from us if so required.

Every LPG tank requires a 10 year test and a 20 year test.

The 10 year test is done onsite and involves an ultrasonic thickness test on the steel tank (at 25 points) and the PRV (pressure relief valve) is changed. Please note the gas supply is not turned off for this test. This usually takes around an hour to undertake.

The 20 year test on an aboveground tank requires the tank to be removed from site to be refurbished, and a replacement vessel put in its place (all on the same day). Please note the gas supply is turned off for this test. This usually takes 2-3 hours.

The 20 year test on an underground tank involves Any remaining gas in the existing tank is transferred into a holding tank, all the valves that are screwed into the tank are removed and replaced with new into the replacement tank and then your gas is transferred back from the holding tank. Please note the gas supply is turned off for this test. This usually takes 2-3 hours.

In addition, an underground tank requires a Corpro inspection 3-18 months after installation, and every three years thereafter.

If you rent your LPG tank from BDS Fuels, the test costs are covered under the annual standing charge (please note all pipework and regulators are customer owned and if they need replacing this is chargeable). If you own the tank yourself, you are responsible for all costs.

Your tank is also visually inspected each time we undertake a delivery. Any defects or leaks etc. are reported to the office and we will contact you. In the event of a leak being detected, it may be that we switch off the supply until an engineer is able to come to site to undertake a repair. Costs may be charged depending on where the leak is, but you will be advised of these before an engineer is arranged.

Your LPG tank, when installed, will have been fully compliant to the Codes of Practices at that time. However, these codes do get reviewed and updated and so when your tank is due for exchange we have a duty to ensure the replacement vessel is installed in line with the most up to date Codes of Practice.

Other things to bear in mind: -

- LPG storage vessels must never be located and installed: -
  1. In buildings;
  2. On roofs;
  3. Above or below any other LPG vessel or any other tank;
  4. In cellars; or
  5. In pits.

This also applies to adding/improvements to your property. No extensions, roofs, sheds, walls etc. should be within 3m of the tank. **Please ensure that you contact BDS Fuels before any changes are made to the area around the vessel such as ground works, sheds, fences or buildings.** We will come to site to discuss.

- Your LPG tank must be a minimum of 3m away from all buildings, boundaries and fixed sources of ignition.
- The area surrounding your tank must be kept free from debris, overgrown vegetation, trees, sheds or fences within 3m. This includes the concrete base your tank is sited on (aboveground tanks).
- Your tank can be shielded from view using an appropriately designed and maintained screen, if desired, although the screen must be a minimum of 1m from the tank and cannot hinder tank ventilation. This must be removable for when it comes to a 20 year exchange.
- The area that the tank has been installed in cannot be used as a storage area, animal pen etc.
- Only the stickers/labels that have been applied by us can go on the tank. Please do not add any 'features' as this may compromise the integrity of the tank.
- If there is vehicle movement near to the tank, there should be appropriate barriers to ensure that a vehicle cannot be accidentally driven into the tank.
- Our delivery specialists need access to the tank to enable us to fill and should not be climbing walls/fences etc. Please ensure there are no access issues.
- Finally, please ensure there are no animal faeces within the delivery route on your site. The delivery hoses are not easy to clean and sanitise!

We hope you have found this information sheet helpful. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on: -

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**And a final note, thank you for choosing BDS Fuels as your LPG supplier!**