

# Propane Living

## DIVE INTO SAVINGS: Propane Pool Heaters Make a Splash

*Helping You Extend Pool Season*



As the temperatures dip, extending your pool season becomes a top priority for many pool owners. The solution? Propane-powered pool heaters. Here's why they are your ticket to enjoying your pool even in cooler weather.

Propane heaters are a game-changer when it comes to efficiently heating your pool. They work faster and maintain heat better than electric heat pumps, making them ideal for those chilly days. "For instance, a 200 thousand BTU propane heater can have your 4,800-gallon pool ready for a swim in just a few hours," states Anthony Carrino of HGTV in the article, *Making a Splash in Your Backyard with Propane*.

Propane pool heaters are not only efficient but also compact, saving valuable yard space. When cool days and cold nights arrives, propane pool heaters shine with quick temperature recovery times.

So, consider a propane-powered pool heater if you want to enjoy your pool longer and more comfortably. It's the key to making a splash even when the weather starts to cool down.

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# Coconut Pumpkin Bread Pudding (Gluten-Free)

*This fall, serve this rich gluten free bread pudding made from rich coconut and pumpkin. It's a delicious gluten free dessert all your guests can enjoy.*



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**PREP TIME:** 15 minutes  
**COOK TIME:** 40 minutes

## INGREDIENTS

### Bread Pudding

- 2 cans (13.66 oz each) Thai Kitchen® Coconut Milk
- 4 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- 1 Tbsp. McCormick® Pumpkin Pie Spice
- 1 Tbsp. McCormick® All Natural Pure Vanilla Extract
- 8 cups gluten-free cinnamon raisin bread, such as Udi's, cubed (about 16 slices)
- 1 cup flaked coconut
- 1 cup chopped pecans

### Spiced Maple Syrup

- 1 cup maple syrup
- 1 tsp. McCormick® All Natural Pure Vanilla Extract
- 1/4 tsp. McCormick® Pumpkin Pie Spice

## INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Preheat oven to 350°F. For the Bread Pudding, pour coconut milk into large bowl. Stir with wire whisk until smooth. Add eggs, sugar, pumpkin, pumpkin pie spice and vanilla; mix until well blended. Add bread cubes; toss to coat well.
- 2 Pour into greased 13x9-inch baking dish. Let stand 10 minutes. Sprinkle evenly with coconut and pecans.
- 3 Bake for 35 to 40 minutes or until the knife inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool slightly on wire rack.
- 4 For the Spiced Maple Syrup, mix all ingredients in microwavable bowl or measuring cup. Microwave on HIGH 1 minute or until warm, stirring once. Serve with bread pudding.

## TIPS AND TRICKS

If Udi's bread is unavailable, use your favorite variety of gluten-free bread.

# Running on Empty: Don't Let Your Propane Tank Run Out



It's important to keep an eye on your propane tank and not let it run out. Apart from the inconvenience of losing heat during the colder weather, running out of propane can pose safety concerns.

Here's a breakdown of what can happen:

- Running out of propane causes the pilot lights in your appliances to go out. Properly relighting them is essential.
- If your propane supply runs out while a valve or gas line remains open, the system can develop leaks when restarted. These leaks can pose a danger.

- When your tank runs out, air and moisture can infiltrate the empty tank, leading to rust buildup. The concerning aspect is that this rust and musty odor can mask the smell of propane, making it harder to detect potential leaks.

If your propane tank does run empty, the State of Texas requires a leak check. Please reach out to your propane provider to schedule to conduct a thorough leak check and relight your appliances for safety. Most propane companies will charge a fee for this service.

To prevent running out of propane, call for delivery when your tank reaches 30%, or enroll in an automatic delivery program with your propane provider.

# Propane Generators: Your Winter Shield Against Power Outages



As the crisp autumn air begins to settle in Texas, signaling the approach of winter, it's essential to prepare for the season ahead. Our homes provide warmth, shelter, and a sense of security. Yet, as recent history has shown with the likes of Winter Storm Uri in 2021 and the chilling February 2023 ice storm that hit Central Texas, this sanctuary can be threatened in an instant. That's why homeowners need to consider

the importance of home resilience and the invaluable role of permanently installed whole home propane generators in securing their family's well-being during such instances.

Consider Winter Storm Uri, a brutal reminder of nature's fury. Over 5 million Texans found themselves powerless, while 11 million endured outages at some point during the storm, with some homes plunged into darkness for more than three agonizing days. The situation repeated itself in February 2023 when a crippling ice storm gripped Central Texas, knocking out power for nearly a quarter million.

The sad truth is that much of Texas' infrastructure was unprepared for these extreme cold snaps. These crises highlighted the necessity for backup power solutions, and propane generators emerged as a beacon of hope.

Propane whole home generators offer a lifeline when the lights go out. These dependable systems are designed to endure extreme weather conditions and provide uninterrupted power during outages. Powered by above or below-ground propane tanks, they kick into action within 10 seconds of an electrical failure, ensuring your home remains warm, well-lit, and functional.

Whether you have a propane-powered home or an all-electric setup, propane generators can seamlessly integrate. There's a propane standby generator to suit any home size, ensuring every family can benefit from this energy security.

Plus, they demand less maintenance and boast a longer shelf life, with propane fuel remaining stable and cost-effective over time.

Imagine the peace of mind knowing that your home is equipped with a propane standby generator. During winter storms, you won't fret about heating your home, cooking meals, or enjoying hot showers. Your family's safety and well-being will be assured, and you'll sidestep the inconveniences and discomforts of power outages.

In a world where natural disasters seem more frequent and severe, investing in a propane generator is not just a choice; it's a necessity. It's a declaration of your commitment to home resilience and your family's security. So, as winter approaches, take a moment to reflect on the wisdom of this decision. With a propane generator, you'll be ready to face winter's fury, knowing that your home is a fortress of warmth, comfort, and unwavering energy security.

*Talk to your propane provider about propane backup power solutions.*

## Texas Winter Ready: Get \$300 Rebates for Propane Upgrades



As winter approaches, consider upgrading your propane heating system with the Texas Saves Propane Rebate Program by the Propane Council of Texas. This rebate program helps offset the costs of new propane furnaces, boilers, and water heaters. Get a \$300 rebate per new qualifying propane appliance. Act quickly to upgrade your heating systems before the cold weather arrives.

Texans can take advantage of this program by:

- Purchasing a qualifying new propane appliance.
- Having it installed in calendar year 2023.
- Getting a propane safety inspection.
- Requesting your propane provider to submit the rebate application with proof of purchase through the secure rebate portal.

There is a \$600 cap per Texas household or commercial property per year. Rebate checks may be received within 60 days of the completed submission on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to available funding. Incomplete applications may lead to delays.

Learn more and check the funding countdown calculator at [www.txsavewithpropane.com](http://www.txsavewithpropane.com).

### Questions?

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