

OVERFILL PREVENTION DEVICE (OPD) REQUIREMENT EXEMPTIONS

Oregonians are encouraged to check their propane cylinders to ensure they are still eligible to be filled with propane as of April 1, 2002. The Oregon State Fire Marshal has adopted the National Fire Protection Association's Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code regarding 4 to 40 pound DOT propane cylinders.

Effective April 1, 2002

All 4# to 40 # propane cylinders must be equipped with an OPD. If the cylinder is not equipped with an OPD, the cylinder cannot be filled with propane.

Exceptions: Some exceptions to this requirement may apply and can be found in the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code 58, 2004 edition. Please read these exceptions carefully to determine if a cylinder meets these exceptions.

Exception 1) All propane cylinders used in industrial truck service, including forklifts, truck cylinders, and cylinders identified and used for industrial welding and cutting gases, are also exempt from the OPD requirement. (See NFPA 58 – 5.7.6.5(1)).

Exception 2) All propane cylinders that are designed for use in the **horizontal orientation** are exempt from OPD requirements, for example motor homes. (See NFPA 58 – 5.7.6.5(2))

Exception 3) Propane cylinders that are specifically used for **buffer machines** are exempt. (See NFPA 58 – 5.7.7.1(E)).

LABELING OF EXEMPT CYLINDERS:

All cylinders that are exempt as detailed above are required to have a label attached to them, which indicates they are not equipped with an OPD valve. (See NFPA 58 – 5.7.6.6) Propane companies may supply these labels.

For website visitors from states other than Oregon, check with the State Fire Marshal in your state to find out if your state has adopted this code.

For additional information please see the brochure ["Is Your Propane Cylinder Safe."](#)