

Other Factors May Also Reduce Your Ability To Smell Propane

- Tobacco smoke, cooking odors, and other strong odors can mask the smell of propane.
- The propane smell may not be strong enough to wake up someone who is sleeping.
- The propane smell may be in a location, such as a basement where it is not detected by people in other areas of the building.
- ODOR LOSS CAN OCCUR—an unintended reduction in the concentration of propane odor.



Instances Of Odor Loss

On rare occasions, propane can lose its odor. Several things can cause this, including:

- Air and moisture can sometimes cause rust to form on the inside walls of a tank or cylinder, reducing the odor concentration.
- If the propane is leaking underground, its passage through some types of soil may reduce the odor of propane.
- The propane odor may stick to the inside surfaces of gas piping distribution systems and other materials.

Since there is a possibility of odor loss or problems with your sense of smell, YOU should respond immediately to even a faint odor of gas.

Propane Gas Detectors Can Improve Safety

If you are concerned that you or others in your home may have difficulty smelling propane, consider installing one or more gas detectors.

Propane gas detectors sound an alarm if they sense the presence of propane. If gas appliances are in less frequented areas in your home where a propane leak might not be detected quickly, gas detectors will provide an increased measure of security.



Detector Quality Is Important—Be sure the units you buy are listed by Underwriters Laboratories (UL). To be sure propane gas detectors operate properly, install and maintain them as the manufacturer recommends.



Trust Your Nose—Never ignore the smell of propane, even if NO detector is sounding an alarm to signal the presence of propane. However, if a detector is sounding an alarm, treat it as an emergency and act immediately, even if you do not smell the propane.



Check Your Propane System—Even if you install gas detectors, have a qualified service technician inspect your propane system and propane appliances periodically.

If YOU SMELL GAS:

- **NO FLAMES OR SPARKS!**
- **LEAVE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY!**
Get everyone out of the building or area where you suspect gas is leaking.
- **SHUT OFF THE GAS TANK!**
Turn off the main gas supply valve on your propane tank if it is safe to do so. To close valve, turn it to the right (clockwise).
- **REPORT THE LEAK!**
From your neighbor's home or other nearby location, away from the affected area, call Leahy's right away.
- **DO NOT RETURN TO THE BUILDING OR AREA!**
- **GET YOUR SYSTEM CHECKED!**

Our Duty To Warn & Your Right To Know

SEASONAL OR UNOCCUPIED HOMES

No matter how you heat your home, maintaining your heat to a certain level is critical. Freeze-ups in an occupied/empty or unoccupied dwelling or home can cause expensive losses. Water from broken pipes can flood a house in a matter of hours causing structural damage to the house and loss of personal property.

Remember that you have a responsibility to protect your home against damage arising from a drop in temperature or loss of heat. This scenario can result in frozen pipes and water damage.

You should arrange for supervision of your home if you plan to be away from the premises for any length of time. It is better to be safe than sorry.

FUEL OIL DELIVERY LINES

As our valued customer, we would like to make you aware of a potential problem that could occur with an unprotected fuel delivery line.

These unprotected fuel delivery lines are made of copper and if in contact with concrete or below ground, may deteriorate, resulting in a line leak. In the event of such a leak, oil could be released, causing environmental damage that will require a costly cleanup.

To avoid this exposure, both financially and personally, we suggest that you have your fuel delivery lines inspected and replaced with a sleeved line if necessary.

Contact us to assist you with this upgrade.

PREVENT OIL LEAKS & SPILLS

Tips for maintaining your Home Heating System:

Whether it is your car, home, or heating system, regular maintenance is key to preventing problems. Cleaning up oil leaks from home heating systems can be very expensive. Here are ways to save money, help prevent leaks and spills, and protect the environment.

Annually:

Visually inspect the tank, piping, and fuel delivery line. If a leak is detected please notify us. Clear away any leaves or debris from the fill pipe area to ensure our driver has proper access.

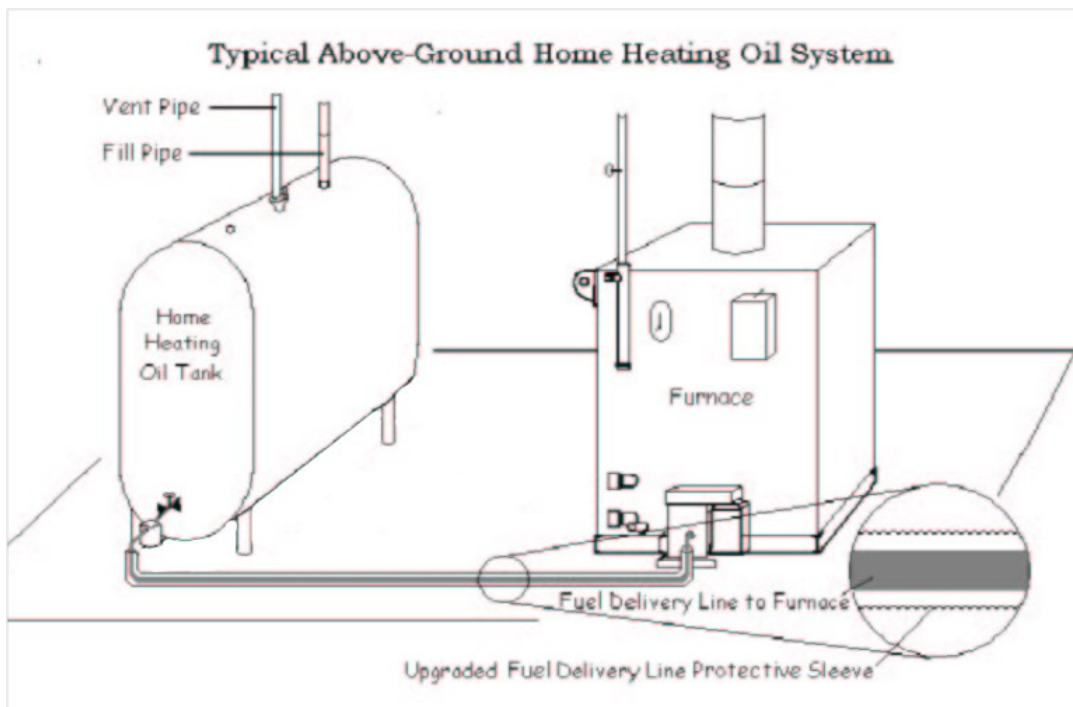
Have us:

Clean the furnace and repair or replace damaged parts. A well-maintained furnace means lower fuel bills and cleaner emissions.

When appropriate:

Remove abandoned fill and vent pipes immediately.

Clearly mark the location of the tank's fill pipe. Install an oil **safety valve** or replace the fuel delivery line with one encased in a **protective sleeve**. These are inexpensive upgrades.



Remember that you have a responsibility to protect your home...the older the heating system, the more likely it is to fail.

Consider upgrading to a modern, fuel-efficient system.
