

NORTH CASCADES PROPANE NEWSLETTER



A NOTE FROM OUR MANAGER

I am excited to say that we will be celebrating our 7th anniversary this month. What started as a dream for me has become a reality, a company that is dedicated to customer service and safety. Our staff's top priority is taking care of all your propane needs. From keeping your tank filled to plumbing a new home to installing tanks for orchards. North Cascades Propane has you covered. So get out and enjoy the summer and all that the beautiful Okanogan County has to offer!

Thank you

Michael W. Hicks

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General Manager/Owner



WILDFIRE

Here in Okanogan County we have had our fair share of dealing with wildfires. The devastating effects can still be felt. We as a community have pulled together, building new homes, helping our neighbors and contributing to funds that help those in need. We certainly are an amazing community.

When it comes to preparedness for the wildfire season, there is more and more information out there for the homeowner. Firewise.org has important guides to creating a defensible space around your home. In the most recent fire in the Methow Valley near Carlton, the homes in the area were all saved. This was thanks to the quick response of our fire fighting teams and the green space around the homes.

Being prepared for wildfire is your best defense. This goes for your propane tank as well. Keeping the area around your tank clear of debris will help if a wildfire comes close. Ensure that there is nothing flammable around your tank. Cut weeds, remove trash and make sure that the tank is accessible.

If you do have to evacuate please take these precautions. Turn off your propane tank valve by turning it clockwise. Close all appliance valves in the house. Do not store any propane barbecue tanks inside or in shops or sheds.

Hopefully your home will have not sustained any damage but keep in mind the gas system will need to be inspected and pressure tested if the service has been shut off. If you smell gas leave the area immediately. Do not attempt to find the issue on your own. Call us and we will send a team right away.

We hope that we have a fire free summer ahead of us! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.



Keep up to date
about wildfire
preparedness.

HOME SALES

If you are selling your home this summer there are some steps you must take before your transition is complete. Just give us a call, we will gather some information then take care of it all. We need to know your closing date to discontinue your propane service, and we'd like to get some info about your buyer and real estate agent, too. This will help us transfer the service to the new owners. Let us know if you are moving within Okanogan County and we will be happy to provide you service at your new location.



MEET THE STAFF



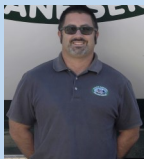
Mike Hicks

A United States Army veteran, Mike served his country for 17 years in such places as Saudi Arabia, Israel, Egypt, and Panama. He has been in the propane industry for 24 years. Mike grew up in California and moved to Washington in 2004. He and his wife, Cindy live in Winthrop. Mike is a competitive team roper, enjoys tactical target shooting, long range shooting, and golf.



Brent Wingett

Brent has been in the propane industry for 37 years. He is a past Chairman of the Western Propane Gas Association and still actively participates as a District Director and on multiple committees. Brent has also been a member of Kiwanis International for 23 years. Beth and Brent have two grown sons, one living in Seattle and one in Paso Robles, California. When Brent is not working he enjoys hunting and fishing and working around their property.



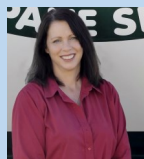
Travis Manthey

Travis grew up in Whatcom County and spent many summers camping, hunting and fishing in the Methow Valley. After 10 years in the oil refinery industry and wanting to live in the valley since childhood, he jumped on the chance to work at NCPs. He enjoys various outdoor activities and working on cars with his two sons and fiancé.



Greg Stout

A Chiliwist native, Greg spent 30 years in the logging and construction industry. He lives with his wife, Mary Beth on the family ranch that was homesteaded by his great-grandfather in 1901. Greg and Mary Beth have 10 children including one foster child they just adopted. When Greg is not working, he enjoys hunting, working on vehicles and spending time with his family.



Jennifer Wallis

Jennifer moved to Twisp in 1980. After graduating from Liberty Bell, she went to the Art Institute of Seattle and also spent many winters skiing in Park City. She has been back in the Valley since 1994 and lives in the same house she grew up in. Her son, Damien graduated in 2017 and after a summer of wildland firefighting, he will be attending Glacier Aviation to follow his dream of becoming a helicopter pilot.