

## Centra Sota Energy

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*"We keep our Ag customers running and our Suburban customers warm!"*



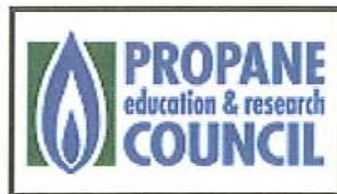
Our service department is equipped with top of the line inspection and testing equipment. And we have all the equipment and materials needed to perform our work regardless of the situation or the specific needs at your job site.

Our service technicians are highly skilled due to the training they have successfully completed.

And they look forward to and are eager to complete any new training that becomes available.

This is one thing that Centra Sota has taken great strides to ensure, that all of our employees working on your gas system or delivering your fuel are actively enrolled in new training classes and have all their certifications current.

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# GASCheck



## How Safe is Your Home and Family?

Important information inside!

Please read the information inside to better understand the process of a Gas Check System Safety Inspection.



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**"Your Safety Matters"**

### **What is a GAS check?**

A GAS Check is a set of guidelines set forth by the Minnesota Propane Gas Association, in conjunction with the National Propane Gas Association which Centra Sota has adapted for inspection of residential gas systems.

### **What does it cover?**

The GAS Check will cover propane containers, regulators, appurtenances, gas supply lines, and equipment visible to the person conducting the inspection and represents the conditions on the date of the inspections.

### **When do I need a GAS Check?**

We perform gas checks for every new customer, when a customer's gas system has an interruption, adding or exchanging an appliance and every five years.

### **Why do we require a GAS Check?**

We are dedicated to the safety of our drivers, service technicians and especially you and your family. This is why, along with our insurance company, we have adapted this policy to help ensure everyone's safety as a whole.

### **Why do I need new regulators? Mine have been working fine for years.**

This statement may not be entirely true. When regulators get older, the mechanics inside tend to stick, deteriorate, malfunction and possibly leak to some degree. All of these are unsafe situations and could cause you to use more propane than needed. In addition, manufacturers of regulators have required regulators be replaced 15 years from date of manufacture as indicated by a date code stamped on the regulator casting. This requirement is now required by all insurance companies as well as some homeowner insurance company policies.

### **What we will do during the GAS Check visual inspection:**

#### **Outside:**

1. Starting outside we will inspect the location of the propane container and assess any issues with code violations or unsafe positioning.
2. Check the 1st stage regulator on the tank to make sure it is not outdated and in need of replacing. For leased tanks, this is Centra Sota's responsibility.
3. Inspect supply line for damage, excessive unions and any evidence of leaks.
4. Inspect the 2nd stage regulator on the building. Check the date to see if it is outdated and needs to be replaced. Check location to make sure the regulator vent is 18" off the ground and meets code requirements for placement around windows, doors and sources of ignition.

#### **Inside:**

1. Check each appliance to make sure it is installed correctly and has all the required equipment, for example; gas line shut off's, sediment traps, manifolds where necessary and venting.
2. Calculate the total BTU Demand to verify the supply line coming into the building is sized properly for peak operating efficiency of all appliances.

The service technician on site will discuss any code violations that need to be corrected and any unsafe conditions that are visible during the inspection. Before any work is to begin an estimate will be provided for review.

After the customer has approved the repairs, our service technicians can complete all necessary work.

Once all repairs are completed, an entire system leak check will be performed. This will verify that the appliance valves, regulators and piping system are gas tight at time of testing.

Back inside we will document all appliances that are in use in your propane system. This will help us to better calculate your propane usage and in the event that a repair needs to be made on an appliance you will have all the information needed for ordering parts or to provide the information to a HVAC service tech over the phone.

After installing gauges and testing equipment, we will start up all of the gas appliances. This will verify that we have the regulators set to the proper pressure and will also ensure that they will not lock up too high, possibly damaging some gas appliance valves.

We will also set the pressure on the gas valve of your furnace if it is equipped to do so. This will ensure that you have the peak operating efficiency for your appliance and make sure you are not "wasting" propane.

Once all testing is completed we will prepare your GAS Check information and print a copy for your records.

