

Texas Weather Events Continue Spotlighting Need for Backup Energy Solutions

Propane Council of Texas Highlights Critical Role Played by Propane Supporting Communities During Disruptions

AUSTIN, TX, UNITED STATES, May 27, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- May 2026 served as another reminder that severe weather remains a constant reality in Texas. Mother's Day weekend brought large hail, winds topping 70 mph, and outages affecting more than 18,000 Austin Energy customers. Less than two weeks later, additional storms across Central and Southeast

Texas brought damaging winds, flash flooding, and power outages. By Memorial Day weekend, more than 168,000 Houston-area customers were without power following another round of severe thunderstorms. North Texas has been battered equally hard; an incredibly volatile atmospheric setup stretching into May triggered nearly 300 severe weather reports across the region.

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As communities continue assessing preparedness and resilience strategies, the Propane Council of Texas is highlighting propane's role in supporting homes, businesses, and critical operations during power disruptions.

Texas is no stranger to severe weather. The state experiences more federally declared disasters than any other and averages more than 100 tornadoes each year. From Winter Storm Uri in 2021 to Hurricane Harvey in



Neighborhood power outage

2017, recent history has shown the widespread impacts prolonged outages can have on communities. The question is not whether another storm will come — but how communities prepare before it does.

One characteristic that can make propane valuable during emergencies is its storage model.

Because propane is stored on-site rather than delivered through the electric grid, it can continue supplying fuel to connected systems during broader power disruptions, depending on equipment configuration and site conditions. During severe weather events, propane may support standby generators and other systems that help maintain air conditioning during extreme heat, power medical and oxygen equipment, preserve refrigeration for food and medications, cooking, and support other critical needs during extended outages.

“Propane can play an important role in preparedness planning because it operates independently from the grid,” said Bill Van Hoy, Executive Director of the Propane Council of Texas. “For families, emergency responders, and critical facilities, having multiple energy options can help strengthen resilience during disruptions.”

Across Texas, propane supports a wide range of applications beyond residential use, including hospitals, farms, restaurants, schools, emergency response operations, and other facilities where maintaining operations can be especially important during outages.

As Texas enters another active storm season, the Propane Council of Texas encourages homeowners, businesses, and community leaders to consider preparedness strategies before severe weather arrives.

For more information about propane, visit www.propanecounciloftexas.org.

About the Propane Council of Texas

The Propane Council of Texas is a nonprofit organization dedicated to consumer safety, education, and the promotion of propane across Texas.

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