



Be Prepared Before a Wildland Fire Approaches, or a Big Quake Hits. Tie down your propane tank!

Propane gas can escape under pressure. A spark or ignition source can turn it into a flame-thrower. And that could burn down your whole neighborhood.

Don't Let Your Propane Tank *'Shake, Rattle and Roll'*.

Marin building code now requires secure tie-downs for new construction and upgrades. Fortunately, tying down an existing tank is not very expensive and easily done by a couple of handymen or, even, a competent DIY-er.

To tie down your propane tank:

- Lay out and dig four holes, each 1' diameter and 2' deep.
- Form up a rectangular concrete slab base, 4-6" thick, reinforced with rebar.
- Add tie-down bolts; pour concrete, let cure.
- Wrap both ends of tank with looped cable – tighten down on turnbuckles.
- Finally - call a propane serviceman to install an earthquake shutoff valve.

Relax. You're done – and your whole neighborhood is safer for it.



(Photos and advice courtesy of William Binzen, Woodacre.)