

California Bans Non-Reusable Propane Cylinders

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California recently became the first state to ban the sale of propane cylinders that cannot be refilled or reused, as Governor Newsom signed Senate Bill 1280 into law. Beginning January 1, 2028, only refillable propane canisters and cylinders will be offered for sale within the California market.

Single-use propane canisters, such as U.S. DOT 39 cylinders, are popular with consumers due to their size, portability, and versatility. However, these types of propane vessels have, in recent years, caught the eye of legislators and organizations that are focused on reducing packaging waste and promoting a more circular-economy in which product packaging can be reused, and has a longer lifespan in general. Outside of California, single-use propane cylinders have also been the focus of product stewardship laws in other states, such as Vermont.

California is the largest propane market in the country, with annual sales of 535 million gallons. For more information, contact NPGA's Director of State Affairs, [Jacob Peterson](#).

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