

Propane

Delivers cost-effective, energy-efficient solutions that homeowners love.

Propane is a great energy choice for clients who are looking for an energy-efficient remodel that will allow them to take advantage of federal and local rebates and incentives. This site will give you the information you need to add propane to your sales arsenal.

There are three basic things you and your homeowners should know about propane:

- [It's clean energy](#). Propane's low emissions make it an approved alternative fuel recognized by the Clean Air Act of 1990 and a qualifying alternative fuel eligible for various federal tax incentives under the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Using propane produces less than half of the greenhouse gas emissions than using an equivalent amount of electricity generated from the U.S. grid.
- [It slashes energy costs](#). Propane appliances typically are far more efficient than their electric counterparts. An Energy Star-qualified propane tankless water heater with an efficiency factor (thermal efficiency) of 82 percent, for instance, can save a homeowner up to 60 percent on his or her energy bill compared with a standard electric model.
- **It supports today's lifestyle**. Propane provides homeowners with the modern amenities they want, including on-demand hot water and energy for outdoor living spaces.

Propane Is Clean Energy

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- **Virtually non-combustible.** Propane won't ignite when combined with air unless the source of ignition reaches 940° F.
- **Low emissions.** Propane gives off less than half the greenhouse gas emissions that electricity does, considering that more than half of the nation's electricity is produced by coal-fired power plants. Propane exhaust creates 60 percent to 70 percent fewer smog-producing hydrocarbons than gasoline, according to studies by the Southwest Research Institute.
- **Nontoxic.** Propane is nontoxic and insoluble in water. Because it's released as a gas, it doesn't spill, pool, or leave a residue. That means propane is not harmful to soil or water in the unlikely event of a tank leak.

Propane Is Energy Efficient

Builders and homeowners concerned about the cost of energy should consider efficient, high-performing propane.

- With energy costs rising faster than wages, it's never been more important for construction professionals to help homeowners make wise energy choices. In many situations, propane can provide a homeowner with significant cost savings over time.
- Take propane tankless water heaters, for example. They can reduce wasted standby energy by as much as 20 percent, and cost up to 60 percent less to operate than standard electric water heaters. And because they heat water on demand, they save the American family 10 percent to 20 percent of its daily water use. Propane tankless water heaters are Energy Star-qualified — electric water heaters are not.
- A home's resale value is also important to your customers. By using an energy-efficient fuel source for major appliances, you'll enhance both the initial sales price and resale value of the homes you build

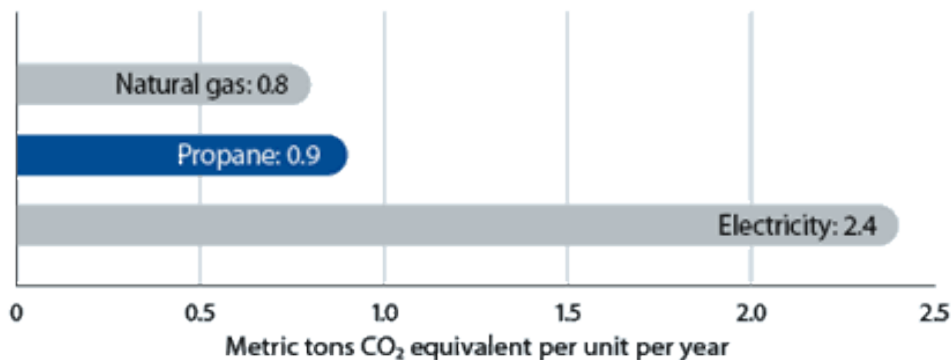
Propane Is Green Energy

Measured by carbon footprint, propane is one of the greenest energy sources available.

Studies from organizations including the Environmental Protection Agency reveal that propane is an attractive option for avoiding greenhouse gas emissions in nearly any application.

Propane gives off less than half the greenhouse gas emissions that electricity does, considering that more than half of the nation's electricity is produced by coal-fired power plants. Additionally, at the point of

use, propane has a lower carbon content than gasoline, diesel, heavy fuel oil, or ethanol. Natural gas (methane) generates fewer carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions per Btu than propane, but natural gas is chemically stable when released into the air and produces a global warming effect 25 times that of carbon dioxide. This means that 1 lb. of methane produces the same effect on climate change as 25 lbs. of carbon dioxide.



Propane Helps You Reach Green Building Standards

Construction professionals who use propane can earn more than 100 points toward the National Green Building Standard™.

Construction professionals who use propane can earn more than 100 points toward the National Green Building Standard™. The Green Building Guidelines incorporate environmental considerations into every phase of the home building process, from lot design and preparation to construction to homeowner education.

The use of propane earns builders and remodelers high points in the categories of indoor environmental quality and resource, energy, and water efficiency. By building with propane, in fact, your project can be halfway to bronze. You can learn more about the Green Building Guidelines from the National Association of Home Builders green Web site nahbgreen.org.

	Maximum points from propane	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Emerald
Lot Design, Preparation, and Development	10	39	66	93	119
Resource Efficiency	8	45	79	113	146
Energy Efficiency	53	30	60	100	120
Water Efficiency	3	14	26	41	60
Indoor Environmental Quality	20	36	65	100	140
Operation, Maintenance, and Building Owner Education	7	8	10	11	12
Additional Points (from any section)	n/a	50	100	100	100
Total Points	101	222	406	558	697

Source: Points and categories based on the National Green Building Standard, ICC700-2008, approved by the American National Standards Institute on Jan. 29, 2009.

Propane Products and Appliances Directory

From energy-efficient tankless water heaters to stylish stainless-steel appliances, propane products deliver the comfort and performance homeowners want. Use this search tool to find propane products, related training course, valuable resources, and new technologies.

Tankless Water Heaters

Propane tankless water heaters are on the cutting edge of energy efficiency and environmentally friendly hot water delivery.

Want to know where your homeowner's energy costs are going? Just turn the hot-water faucet. The U.S. Department of Energy estimates that approximately 20 percent of a home's energy costs are spent heating hot water. That's why helping your homeowner select an efficient water heater is critical — and a propane tankless water heater is one of the most efficient options available. By choosing a tankless propane water heater instead of a standard electric water heater, a homeowner can reduce energy costs by more than 60 percent and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by up to 61 percent.

A propane tankless water heater is an "on-demand" system. When a homeowner opens a hot-water tap, the unit senses the demand and starts the heating process. The water flows through a heat exchanger,

where it heats to the homeowner's desired temperature. When the faucet is closed, the heater automatically shuts off. Tankless water heaters are priced as low as \$400 plus installation, depending on size and volume of water-heating demand, and are widely available through many propane retailers and plumbing professionals.



Standard Water Heaters

To select the right tankless unit for your project, add up the gallons per minute estimated for the household during peak demand and match that number to the EnergyGuide label on the water heater.

Most propane tankless water heaters are Energy Star-qualified — electric standard water heaters are not.

There isn't a single electric standard water heater that qualifies for the federal Energy Star program, while most tankless propane units do. Why?

Because propane water heaters are significantly more energy efficient. This efficiency translates into real savings for homeowners. A propane water heater can cost less than half what it costs to operate an

electric water heater and reduces greenhouse gas emissions by 60 percent. Electric water heaters simply can't compete with propane.

A standard propane water heater works in the same way that a natural gas water heater does. They also install just as easily and are widely available through many propane retailers and plumbing professionals.

Cooktops and Ovens

From basic ovens perfect for homeowners on a tight budget to ranges that would make a professional chef drool, propane is right at home in the kitchen.

According to the American Gas Association, 96 percent of chefs prefer cooking with gas. You can indulge your homeowner's inner gourmet by recommending a commercial-grade propane cooktop and oven.

Propane cooktops provide better heat control and more even heat distribution than electric. Instant-on burners allow cooking to start right away, without having to wait for a burner to heat up. They also cool more quickly, preventing overcooking and reducing the safety risk



Home Heating

Performance detail on furnaces and boilers.

Propane provides more versatility, affordability, and home comfort than any other heating choice — it's that simple. Propane home-heating systems can be configured as central or zone, forced air or radiant. Best of all, propane systems can help a homeowner slash energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions — up to 68 percent, in fact. Here are a few considerations for your project.

- **Propane Furnaces.** Like a natural-gas furnace, a propane furnace



cycles on and off, using a fan or blower to force heated air through ducts throughout the home. Some models are available with vent dampers, which close when heat demand has been met, increasing efficiency. Propane furnaces come in all shapes and sizes and have a typical operating life of 15 to 20 years.

- **Radiant Floor Heating.** A propane water heater or boiler heats water that is pumped through a floor tubing system. By delivering more even heat, and more heat closer to the floor, these systems can be far more energy efficient than a conventional furnace-and-duct system.
- **Fireplaces and Log Inserts.** These can be turned on and off with a thermostatic switch or remote control and will heat a room more evenly and efficiently than wood-burning fireplaces. Most models are virtually maintenance-free, don't produce ash or soot, and don't require electricity.
- **Hearth Stoves.** A free-standing propane stove produces instant radiant heat and adds aesthetic value to a room. Venting options make installation easy and flexible.
- **Space Heaters.** Propane space heaters can be freestanding or wall-mounted, can include thermostats and blowers, and typically work even in an electrical outage. They also produce fewer greenhouse gases than space heaters using fuel oil.

Many of these propane appliances are available in Energy Star-qualified models — more than electric in many categories.



Outdoor Products



Furnaces & Boilers



Kitchen & Laundry

Outdoor Living

A longtime patio companion, clean propane turns backyards into outdoor rooms.

Outdoor living spaces can add just as much to a home's overall comfort and resale value as its indoor features. No longer just a deck and a floodlight, a comfortable and fully functional outdoor living area today includes an array of kitchen appliances, pools and spas, sophisticated lighting, and radiant heat, including:

- **Grills.** Push-button ignition makes grilling easy. And propane grills are 105 times more environmentally friendly than charcoal grills, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
- **Cooktops, ovens, and other kitchen appliances.** Propane can help you create a luxury, state-of-the-art kitchen outdoors.

- **Hearth.** Environmentally friendly, weatherproof propane hearths allow homeowners to enjoy the great outdoors year round.
- **Patio heaters.** Providing up to a 20-foot radius of heat, a standing or portable propane heater can raise the outdoor air temperature as much as 30 degrees.
- **Pool and spa heaters.** Propane pool and spa heaters, which range in size from 5,000 Btu/hr for a spa or hot tub to 400,000 Btu/hr for a full-size swimming pool, bring the water to the desired temperature more quickly than an electric heater.
- **Generators.** An outdoor generator is more durable and environmentally friendly than gas models. They're also quiet. Many produce less than 60 decibels — as quiet as a normal conversation.
- **Lighting.** Propane lighting, which is available in portable and post-mounted styles, combines old-world charm with modern energy efficiency.

New Plug1-style outlets make connecting these appliances as safe and easy as plugging in an electrical appliance.



Laundry

Propane clothes dryers are fast and full of features.

Propane can provide energy to any room in the house, including the laundry room.

When it comes to clothes dryers, home buyers look for units that are cost-effective; easy to use; and full of modern features such as cycle selections, timing sensors, and temperature controls. Today's gas dryers fueled by propane deliver.

Not only are propane clothes dryers economical, they'll dry a load faster than an electric dryer, saving homeowners valuable time. Additionally, propane clothes dryers produce a moist heat, which relaxes wrinkles and reduces static cling, producing a ready-to-wear garment.

Propane steam dryers operate and vent much the same as electric dryers but save homeowners time and energy with more-sophisticated performance capabilities.

Vehicles

Propane can do more than just power your appliances — it can deliver them.

Today, light- and heavy-duty vehicles can be economically and reliably retrofit for operation with propane, a recognized alternative fuel under the Energy Policy Act of 1992.

Today there are nearly 300,000 propane vehicles on the road in the United States and more than 12 million vehicles worldwide, including trucks, buses, taxis, and delivery vehicles — and construction equipment



Generators

They protect appliances, provide insurance against power disruption — and they're as quiet as a normal conversation.

In the past 10 years, the demand for electricity has increased exponentially due to population growth and the increased use of power-thirsty devices such as computers and flat-screen TVs. For homeowners in many areas, this has resulted in electrical service outages that disrupt home comfort. While most of these outages last 20 to 30 minutes, a J.D. Power and Associates study put the average extended power outage at eight hours.

A standby generator can ensure a homeowner's quality of life by keeping the electricity flowing in the event of a power failure that results from either a standard service disruption or a natural disaster, such

as a storm. A standby generator can even serve as a primary energy source for homes built off the main. Cogeneration units are now available that produce heat in addition to electricity.



Propane standby generators are housed outside, usually adjacent to a carport or other non-living space. Often air-cooled, they draw energy from the home's propane storage tank.

Propane on Site

Propane's portability and flexibility make it ideal as an instant-on energy source at the job site.

With propane, you're not at the mercy of a public utility, so you control your own timing. Propane affords you great flexibility and portability — as a temporary heat source, for instance, while drywall is being finished



Double Feature

Combined heat and power (CHP) sources provide heat and electricity while reducing emissions.

On average, the power grid in the United States is only 30 percent efficient. This fact, combined with an increasing demand for more environmentally friendly energy sources, has inspired many construction professionals to turn to combined heat and power (CHP) sources for their projects.

CHP systems both provide heat and generate electricity with higher efficiency and lower emissions levels than conventional heating and grid-supplied power. CHP eliminates transmission and distribution losses associated with purchasing electricity via the central grid, and recovered waste heat is used to meet a facility's space-heating, water-heating, and cooling needs. As a result, CHP systems can operate at 70 percent to 80 percent (electric and thermal) efficiency.

Propane provides an excellent fuel source for CHP systems and has been available for large-scale industrial, commercial, and institutional applications for decades. With advances in technology, smaller micro-combined heat and power (micro-CHP) systems are being developed for residential developments and small businesses as well.



For more information visit: <http://www.buildwithpropane.com/default.aspx>

EPA Rule Increases Protection from Lead-Paint Poisoning

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Agency also extends deadline for required training

WASHINGTON – Beginning today, all contractors performing renovation, repair or painting work in homes built before 1978 must follow lead-safe work practice requirements. A new EPA rule removes a provision from existing regulations that allowed owner-occupants of pre-1978 homes to “opt-out” of having their contractors follow lead-safe work practices if there were no children under six years of age in the home.

At present, almost a million children have elevated blood lead levels as a result of exposure to lead hazards, which can lead to lower intelligence, learning disabilities, and behavior issues. Adults exposed to lead hazards can suffer from high blood pressure and headaches. EPA has eliminated the so-called opt-out provision because improper renovations in older homes can create lead hazards resulting in harmful health effects for residents and visitors in these homes, regardless of age. The result will better protect children and adult occupants during and after renovation, repair and painting projects.

In April 2008, EPA issued the Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP), which required the use of lead-safe work practices in pre-1978 homes but included the opt-out provision. EPA’s new rule, effective today, removes the opt-out provision and makes the RRP consistent with statutory requirements.

The RRP rule requires certification of training providers and lead-safe work practice certification for individuals involved in the construction and remodeling industry. To date, EPA has certified 254 training providers who have conducted more than 16,000 courses and trained an estimated 320,000 renovators in lead-safe work practices.

Because of concern that contractors in some areas may be having difficulty accessing training classes, EPA recently announced that it is providing renovation firms and workers additional time to obtain training and certifications to comply with the new lead rules. EPA will not take enforcement action for violations of the rule’s firm certification requirement until October 1, 2010, and will not enforce certification requirements against individual renovation workers if they apply to enroll in certified renovator classes by September 30, 2010 and complete the training by December 31, 2010.

The agency will continue to take enforcement actions against renovation firms and individuals who do not comply with the RRP work practices and associated recordkeeping requirements. The lead-safe work practices include dust control, site clean up and work area containment. It is important that contractors take proactive steps to protect children, families, and themselves while they take the training and file the appropriate paperwork.

More information on the lead RRP program: <http://www.epa.gov/lead>



Weatherizing 82,000 Homes This Summer

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The following article was posted by Cathy Zoi on the [White House Blog](#).

Picture a neighborhood block somewhere in your town. It might have single-story homes for 10 families—complete with front porches, sidewalks, and green lawns. Or instead that block might have a single apartment building that houses 50 families over five floors. What we know is that each of the families—whether they're living in a detached house or a mid-rise apartment—pays away some of their hard-earned dollars to pay for energy. And for many low-income Americans, these energy bills absorb a significant amount of the family income.

Now imagine that teams of trained experts come down that block and install measures to help those families save energy. Insulation, caulking, weatherstripping, windows, better furnaces, or water heaters. So families' energy bills go down and their comfort goes up. We call this "weatherization"—and it's happening in more than 82,000 homes as part of the Recovery Summer.

So picture that—what does 82,000 homes look like? That's a lot of houses. And how do the 82,000 families with lower energy bills and improved comfort feel? I'll bet given these challenging economic times they're resting a bit more easily. This could not be achieved without the determined and committed hard work of more than 900 community action agencies and state weatherization agencies nationwide. Twelve states have now weatherized more than 30% of the homes they planned to complete under the Recovery Act, marking a major milestone in this effort to make American households more energy efficient. This video expresses my personal gratitude for the hard work that has made our remarkable progress to weatherize America possible.

What's more is that the folks doing the weatherization work are resting better, too. Over 10,000 Americans had jobs performing retrofit work for low-income families through the Recovery Act in the first quarter of this year—and that's expected to grow. Some of these folks have been doing weatherization work for decades. But many of these people are new to energy retrofitting—former teachers, mechanics, carpenters, or linesmen—joining this fast-growing clean energy sector and getting trained with the help of Recovery Act-sponsored grants rolled out across the nation.

Through the Recovery Act, we are investing more than \$11 billion to make homes and businesses more efficient and higher users of clean, renewable energy. This includes \$5 billion to weatherize hundreds of thousands of low-income homes across the country. More than 240,000 homes have been weatherized since February 2009.

Find out more about DOE's efforts to revitalize our economy and revolutionize the ways we use energy on the U.S. Department of Energy's Recovery Act Web site. <http://www.energy.gov/recovery>

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3 Mass. Real Estate Development and Construction Companies Fined for Clean Water Violations

(Boston, Mass. – July 21, 2010) – Subject to court approval, three related real estate development, construction and engineering companies will pay a \$150,000 penalty for illegally discharging polluted

stormwater from multiple Mass. construction sites. In addition the companies will perform a Supplemental Environmental Project (“SEP”) valued at approximately \$300,000 which will further reduce stormwater pollution to the environment.

Several EPA inspections revealed that Fafard Real Estate and Development Corporation, FRE Building Company, Inc., and Benchmark Engineering Corp. (collectively referred to as “Fafard”) had engaged in construction activities at approximately 13 construction sites in eastern Massachusetts in towns such as Holliston, Natick, Uxbridge, Milford, Marlborough, and others, without having, or without fully complying with federal stormwater permits. Of particular concern were sites where Best Management Practices (“BMPs”) were not being implemented to reduce the impact of stormwater discharges on the environment from these construction sites.

Should the court approve a federal consent decree which was lodged in the federal district court of Massachusetts today, Fafard will pay a cash penalty of \$150,000 to resolve the violations.. In addition, Fafard will implement a SEP in the form of imposing a permanent restriction on land that it will offer to donate to the Town of Uxbridge, Mass. to be preserved for environmental conservation and stormwater management. Fafard will also construct two water quality basins and associated stormwater management infrastructure on the land to reduce stormwater runoff impacts. The SEP will greatly reduce the amount of Total Suspended Solids that get washed into a stream that runs through the land each year. The SEP is estimated to cost Fafard \$300,000.

Uncontrolled runoff from construction sites is a water quality concern because of the negative effect that sedimentation can have on local water bodies, especially small streams. In addition, the increase in the amount of runoff during storms resulting from removal of vegetation, soil compaction and the increase in impervious cover such as new pavement can overwhelm a small stream channel’s capacity, resulting in streambed scour, stream-bank erosion, and destruction of near-stream vegetative cover.

Construction activities also yield pollutants such as pesticides, petroleum products, construction chemicals, solvents, asphalts, and acids that can contaminate stormwater runoff. Total suspended solids concentrations from uncontrolled construction sites contribute to many water quality, habitat, and aesthetic problems in our waterways, such as increased turbidity and destruction of habitat for fish and other organisms.

Under the terms of the settlement Fafard is required to implement a management and reporting system designed to provide increased oversight of on-the-ground operations and ensure greater compliance with the stormwater requirements. Specific measures include: (1) establishing the position of stormwater manager who will be responsible for stormwater compliance within the company, including the designation of trained, qualified staff at every construction site; (2) a requirement to conduct pre-construction inspections and quarterly oversight inspections and reviews at all sites in addition to the routine inspections required by NPDES permits; (3) a requirement to use EPA-approved forms for pre-construction inspections, routine inspections, and quarterly inspections and reviews; and, (4) a requirement to implement stormwater training programs for stormwater managers and stormwater orientation programs for stormwater consultants and contractors.

Construction activities that disturb one acre or more are regulated under the NPDES stormwater program. In Massachusetts, operators of regulated construction sites are required to develop and

implement Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans and to obtain permit coverage from EPA prior to commencement of construction activity.

In recent years, EPA has taken several enforcement actions against some of the largest homebuilders in the country who have not complied with federal and state stormwater control standards.

More Information:

[Storm Water Permits](http://epa.gov/region1/npdes/stormwater) (epa.gov/region1/npdes/stormwater)

[Clean Water Enforcement in New England](http://epa.gov/region1/enforcement/water) (epa.gov/region1/enforcement/water)

[National Homebuilder Cases](http://epa.gov/compliance/resources/cases/civil/cwa/homebuilders..html) (epa.gov/compliance/resources/cases/civil/cwa/homebuilders..html)

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CPSC Announces Pool and Spa Kids Safety Education Effort

Hundreds of pool and spa incidents since Memorial Day Weekend

Houston - Halfway through the summer swimming season, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has seen news reports of more than 210 child drowning and non-fatal submersion incidents in pools and spas around the country since Memorial Day Weekend. In an effort to reduce these preventable incidents, CPSC and partners Safe Kids USA and the National Drowning Prevention Alliance (NDPA) joined forces today to introduce a new kids safety education program. The centerpieces of the program are a multi-part educational video and an online activity, which are part of CPSC's national Pool Safely campaign.

"Just one incident is one too many," said Inez M. Tenenbaum, Chairman of the CPSC. "These statistics are a wake up call and a reminder that these tragic incidents are preventable. Our kids safety program is designed to teach parents and children simple water safety steps so that everyone will Pool Safely this summer."

The educational video highlights individual experiences and uses seven simple Pool Safely steps to encourage safe and responsible behavior in and around pools and spas. It is introduced by actress Ming-Na, the voice of Mulan in Disney animated films and star of the NBC drama "ER." The video series is available to view at www.youtube.com/poolsafely and on the websites of Safe Kids (www.safekids.org) and the

NDPA (www.ndpa.org)

The new Pool Safely interactive online activity is designed for parents and young children. It highlights unsafe behaviors around the pool in a variety of real-world settings such as backyard, hotel and community pools. Game players are encouraged to identify the trouble spots and behaviors. The online activity is aimed at children seven and under and will be available for play on the Pool Safely website and on the websites of the NDPA and Safe Kids.

"Safe Kids is proud to work with the CPSC on the creation of a kids safety education program," said Mitch Stoller, president and CEO, Safe Kids Worldwide. "Children and families can learn valuable water safety messages - that may ultimately help save a life - through a new online activity and educational videos made possible by the Pool Safely campaign."

"The NDPA is proud to be a Pool Safely Campaign Safety Partner," said Kristin Goffman, Founding Board Member and Executive Director of NDPA. "Our members are dedicated drowning prevention and water safety advocates who will be able to use the educational video and Pool Safely campaign materials to help families learn how to prevent the needless tragedy of child drownings. We are excited to work with the CPSC and the other campaign partners to spark a national conversation about how we can all help keep kids safe around pools and spas."

"I fully support the new Pool Safely campaign and the efforts to increase public awareness about preventing drowning deaths and injuries," said Harris County Judge Ed Emmett. "Harris County residents should visit the Pool Safely website and review the water safety tips with their children before heading out to the pool. A little time spent online can possibly make a life-saving difference in the water."

The Pool Safely campaign is CPSC's national information and education program associated with the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act (P&SS Act). The Pool Safely campaign is designed to raise public awareness, support industry compliance with safety standards, and improve safety at pools and spas. The campaign was launched in Fort Lauderdale, Florida prior to Memorial Day.

Last month, the Pool Safely campaign released a series of public service announcements that remind the American public how to stay safe in and around pools and spas. They can be viewed by visiting www.youtube.com/poolsafely

About Safe Kids USA (www.safekids.org)

Safe Kids USA is a member of Safe Kids Worldwide, a global network of organizations whose mission is to prevent accidental childhood injury, a leading killer of children 14 and under. More than 600 coalitions in 19 countries bring together health and safety experts, educators, corporations, foundations, governments and volunteers to educate and protect families.

About the National Drowning Prevention Alliance (NDPA) (www.ndpa.org)

The National Drowning Prevention Alliance (NDPA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization devoted to the advancement of drowning prevention efforts at the national and community levels and exists to be a catalyst in drowning prevention. The NDPA recognizes that drowning is a complex public health issue, requiring a multi-faceted approach. The NDPA's Board of Directors and Advisory Council guide the organization toward the goal of reducing drowning through educational programming and materials, and through involvement in and support of research, data, and water safety-related legislative efforts. The members of the NDPA include individuals, organizations, government agencies, policy makers, corporations, and family members who have lost loved ones to drowning. The NDPA serves as a premier resource for the public and professionals for the prevention of drowning and acts as a central source of information and referral on research, data, education, policy and promotion of drowning prevention. The NDPA's JADES Network (Journey After a Drowning Experience Support) provides an element of family support through peer interaction. As an alliance, the NDPA brings together like-minded organizations, individuals, and agencies who believe that Drowning IS Preventable, and that working together, we can make a difference.

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