

Ohio Propane Gas Association

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS & APPLICATION



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Join Us!

OPGA Offers You.....

Association Headquarters

The resource center for all association and propane industry information and activities.

Government Relations

Pro-active involvement with all state and federal legislation and regulations affecting the propane industry in Ohio.

Professional Development

Service schools for Certified Employee Training Programs (CETP), Hazardous Materials 126F training, Customer Service Representative training.

Communications

- OPGA website www.OhiopropaneGas.org continually updated with up to the minute information and articles.
- “Ohio Propane News” a quarterly digital newsletter, e-mails, correspondence, alerts and updates to keep members informed on industry issues.

Conventions and Membership Meetings

- Two quarterly membership meetings held in Columbus; one at the Midwest Propane Gas Convention; a two and a half day Annual Convention held in early August.
- District meetings held as needed around the state.

Specialized Association Services

- Group Worker’s Compensation program, which offers significant annual savings on worker’s comp premiums.
- OPGA scholarship program offering annual \$1,000 scholarships for member’s employees and children of employees.
- Submit Ohio Propane Education and Research Council (PERC) proposals and administer PERC grants received.
- Discount Credit Card Processing through Veracity Payment Solutions.

Interactive Website

OPGA offers members and consumers an interactive website (www.ohiopropanegas.org) that provides consumer safety modules, Industry Safety modules, board members, bylaws, meeting dates and other information is maintained on our website.

Membership Directory

A list of OPGA members, board members, bylaws, meeting dates and other information is maintained on our website. Members include: retail marketers of propane gas and appliances, producers and wholesalers of propane, propane appliance and equipment manufacturers and distributors, fabricators of propane cylinders and tanks, transporters of propane gas, and other companies interested in the propane industry.

Safety and Marketing Materials

- Through the NPGA Bookshelf program and PERC, a wealth of information, including handbooks, pamphlets, videos, cassettes and other materials, is available to promote safe practices and to market propane.
- “Tank Safety Valve Shut off Tag” and the “Ohio Propane Gas Association Employee Guide” available at no cost to members.

Farm Science Review

Held in London, Ohio, the Farm Science Review annually attracts over 200,000 people. OPGA plays an active role at the Review with an array of items displayed in the OPGA building, while demonstrating the many uses of propane. The display is manned by volunteer members of OPGA.

National Propane Gas Association

The National Propane Gas Association (NPGA) also provides a vast amount of information to members on federal laws and regulations, industry trends and other important matters. Access to the National Find a Propane Retailer Site.



Become a member of OPGA to:

- Exchange ideas with others in the industry.
- Participate in decisions that directly affect your business.
- Obtain the tools you need to educate the public and government on the benefits and safety of propane

Membership Categories:

MULTI-STATE MARKETERS (Inter-State) *Multi-State Marketers join OPGA through NPGA – NPGA invoices*
Any corporation engaged in the retail sale and distribution of propane gas in the State of Ohio and one or more other states. The OPGA portion of the dues are: headquarters \$735, additional retail, bulk or retail/bulk combo \$110 each. NPGA will advise you of their portion of the dues. Call the NPGA 202.466.7200 for more information.

INDEPENDENT MARKETER (Intra-State) *OPGA invoices*

Any person, firm, association, partnership or corporation engaged in the retail sale and distribution of propane gas in the State of Ohio only or in Ohio with no more than one plant in another State. Includes membership in the National Propane Gas Association. The NPGA portion of dues is billed based on the number of bulk plants a company has and is due when application is submitted. Dues are billed as follows:

OPGA Dues

Company Headquarters	\$735.00
Additional Retail Location (per location)	\$110.00
Additional Bulk Location (per location)	\$110.00
Retail/Bulk Combo (per location)	\$110.00

NPGA Dues

Bulk Plant 1 or 2, combined Price	\$498.00
Bulk Plant 3 - 5, combined Price	\$270.00
Greater than 6 Bulk Plant, per Plant	\$256.00

OPGA Dues must be paid on ALL retail, bulk or retail/bulk combination locations in the state of Ohio. Each retail location will be added to the OPGA membership directory and mailing list.

NPGA Dues must be paid on all BULK plants in the state of Ohio.

ASSOCIATE

Any person, firm, association, partnership or corporation engaged in the production or manufacture, distribution, sale or installation of propane gas or propane gas equipment, appliances, containers, systems, insurance or other business related services. Dues are \$375 and do not include membership in NPGA.

INDIVIDUAL

Any person employed by a member firm of this Association and designated by such firm shall be eligible for individual membership in the Association. Dues are \$175 and do not include membership in NPGA.

CYLINDER RETAILER

Any entity engaged in retail sales of propane gas having no bulk tank truck, and with sales of less than 100,000 gallons per year. Membership in this category does not include membership in the National Propane Gas Association. Dues are \$175.

Non-deductible dues portion for lobbying use estimated at 20% for OPGA dues; 22% for NPGA portion of dues.

Please attach a brief history of your company with your application.

Definition of a Retail Location: A retail outlet is defined as a location where propane is stored, transferred and business is conducted with the public (in person or by the phone) or a combination of the above, excluding public refilling locations.

Definition of a Bulk/Satellite Plant: Defined as any facility where the primary function is to store LP-Gas prior to further distribution, where LP-Gas is received by cargo tank motor vehicle, railroad tank car, or pipeline, and then distributed by portable container (package) delivery, by cargo tank motor vehicle, or through gas piping. A facility distributing gas through gas piping, such as a community gas system, is exempt from the definition of a "bulk Plant" unless the facility is used to transfer product into cargo tank motor vehicles for further discussion.

Send completed Application form, Company history and payment to:

Ohio Propane Gas Association
605 N. High Street, #214
Columbus, OH 43215

Email: opga@kdafirm.com

OPGA Membership Application

Please attach a brief history of your company with your application.

Company Name (Please Print) _____

Primary Company Representative _____

Mailing Address _____

Mailing City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

E-Mail Address _____

Website Address _____

Application for: _____ Price _____

Multi-State Marketer - Billed by NPGA

Independent Marketer *

OPGA Co. Headquarters Dues \$735.00

\$110 x ____ Each Retail Location _____

\$110 x ____ Each Bulk Location _____

\$110 x ____ Each Retail/Bulk Combo _____

*NPGA Bulk Plant Dues (# of plants ____) _____

Associate Member \$375.00

Individual Member \$175.00

Cylinder Member \$175.00

Total Due _____

*** Reminder that NPGA dues are also required with application.**
Determine amount due by viewing amount listed on the left under NPGA Dues

Type of Business

- Retail Appliances
 Wholesale Equipment
 Transportation Other _____

Ohio Counties of Operation (Maximum of 20):

PLEASE LIST ALL ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS.
ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEET IF NEEDED

Company Representative _____

Mailing Address _____

Mailing City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

E-Mail Address _____

This is a Retail Bulk Retail/Bulk Combo Location

Company Representative _____

Mailing Address _____

Mailing City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

E-Mail Address _____

This is a Retail Bulk Retail/Bulk Combo Location

Company Representative _____

Mailing Address _____

Mailing City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

E-Mail Address _____

This is a Retail Bulk Retail/Bulk Combo Location

Method of Payment (dues must accompany application)

- Check
 Visa Discover
 Master Card American Express

Credit Card # (Please Print) _____ Exp. date _____ CCV # _____

Billing Address (if different then Primary Contact Address) _____

Billing City/State/Zip Code _____