

Frequently Asked Questions

Payment Terms and Options

Davenport
Energy

We are glad to serve you as your fuel provider. The following information is provided to answer a few of the questions you may have about doing business with Davenport Energy. If you have additional questions, don't hesitate to ask.

When and How Do I Make My Payment?

When we deliver your product the driver will leave a ticket that also serves as your invoice. Please use the self addressed envelope as a convenience. You can always pay your bill at your local office. Customers who are set up on with 30-day payment terms should pay from this invoice within 30 days of the delivery. Accounts not paid within 30-days of delivery are considered past due. If your account is past due, we may hold your next delivery and you will be assessed a late payment fee as outlined in the credit application. Customers not receiving 30-day terms may be eligible for load-to-load terms as well as cash before delivery payment terms. Davenport Energy does not set propane tanks for cash before delivery customers.

Do I get a Discount if I pay in a Timely Manner?

Residential customers are eligible for a \$.05/gallon discount provided that the invoice is paid within 10-days. No discounts apply to payments made by credit card.

What Method of Payment can I Use?

Davenport Energy accepts cash, checks, money orders and credit card payments. Davenport Energy can arrange to have credit cards automatically billed and even arrange for electronic funds transfer from your checking account. Payment terms and options are established for each customer at the time of account initiation. You may even pay on-line at www.davenportenergy.com.

Do You Have a Budget Plan?

*Davenport Energy realizes that it may be difficult to pay for large or frequent deliveries. Our **Level Pay** Program spreads payments out over a 11 month period. These payments are based on your past fuel usage. Information and brochures detailing the plan are available at our offices. We annually offer a **Lock In Pay** cap program for propane customers.*

How do I Get a Tank?

Davenport Energy is pleased to provide you with a propane tank. Provided you use a minimum amount of propane annually, the tank is provided and maintained at no cost to you. Davenport Energy encourages you to use one of our loaned tanks. All tanks owned by Davenport Energy are regularly inspected and serviced. Any problem with a loaned tank is corrected, at no cost to you.

Should you already own your own tank, or wish to purchase a tank, Davenport Energy will service your account while following all code requirements concerning an out of gas situation. These provisions are outlined in the Davenport Energy Tank Purchase Agreement signed at the initiation of service. It is important for you to know that the customer is responsible for all costs associated with repairs, maintenance and any loss of product from a customer owned tank.

Davenport Energy will gladly sell and install a fuel oil tank for you.

How Much Propane Do I Have to Use to Avoid a Minimum Usage Fee? (Remember, tanks are generally filled to 80% of capacity-multiply tank sizes listed below by 80% to determine the actual amount of gas a tank holds.)

It's simple, If Davenport Energy selects your tank size or you take over a Davenport Energy tank as a result of a move, observe the following:

- *If your tank is smaller than 120 gallons you must use **100 gallons** of propane annually to avoid a \$45.00 minimum usage fee*
- *If your tank is a 120 gallon tank you must use **200 gallons** of propane annually to avoid a \$70.00 minimum usage fee*
- *If you have multiple 120's or any tank larger than 120 gallons, you must use **400 gallons** of propane annually to avoid a minimum usage fee of \$100.00*
- *Customers using propane for emergency generator use only will be provided a 120 gallon propane tank at a fixed fee of \$100.00 per year.*

Don't worry; should you have an occasional low usage year, we will work with you. We will also adjust the usage minimum down, if we experience an extremely warm winter. We do not charge for a partial year and our usage tracking period runs from May 1 to April 30 of each year. Billing takes place during the summer of each year.

Should you wish to secure a larger tank than the tank recommended by Davenport Energy, we will accommodate you and a larger minimum usage fee may apply. See a customer service representative for details.

What Are My Delivery Options?

Automatic Fill Delivery -- Automatic fill customers receive propane or fuel oil based on our degree day system. We track weather temperatures and we track your individual usage in order to schedule deliveries in an efficient manner. Provided your account is current, we will deliver product to you automatically, in accordance with this schedule.

If you are an automatic fill customer and you run out of product for any reason, other than failure to make payment, we will immediately schedule a delivery and fill your tank. This service is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

Will Call Delivery – You decide when you want a delivery. If you elect to be a will call customer, we will schedule and deliver product to your home within 5 business days of receiving a phone call requesting a delivery, providing your account is current. Propane users should call for a delivery when the gauge on the tank reads between 20% and 30%. This allows us ample time to schedule the delivery.

If you are set-up as a will call customer and you run out of product, providing your account is current, we will schedule a delivery within 5 working days of your call to inform us of the run-out. If you want a delivery sooner than 5 working days, there will be an additional delivery charge (and an after hours charge if applicable).

What Happens if I Run Out of Propane?

It is very important to monitor your propane tank. It is a good idea to do this even if you are an Automatic Fill Customer. Should you add gas appliances to your system, it is important that you inform us so that we may adjust your usage information in our system.

If a propane tank becomes empty, there are certain procedures we must follow before the system and propane appliances can be turned back on. After filling the tank, we must perform a pressure test on the entire system. If someone is home to allow us access to the propane appliances, this test will only take a few minutes. If no one is home to allow us to access the propane appliances, we must place a lock on the propane tank until someone is home to allow a technician to pressure test the system. This process is for your safety. Should you not be at home when an out of gas delivery is made, information will be left on the tank and in your door providing you with a number to call to arrange for a service technician to test the propane system.

Pressure tests are provided at no charge to Automatic Fill Customers. Will Call Customers, and customers placed on credit hold are assessed a charge for this test.

Remember, propane tanks are normally filled to 80%. Therefore, 80% represents a full tank.

What Do I Do if I Have Questions?

Contact your local Davenport Energy Office. A customer service representative stands ready to assist you with any questions you may have.