

Relight Your Pilot

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Resource Guide

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A step by step guide for relighting your pilot

If you are like most families and homeowners, relighting the pilot on your gas fireplace after a period of non-use can be confusing. Here's some tips from the experts at Cressy Door and Fireplace.

What type of fuel supports gas fireplaces?

Type 1: Liquid Propane

Liquid propane is typically located in a large tank that is either above ground or buried near the house.

Type 2: Natural Gas

Natural Gas is piped in from the street and monitored by a gas meter located outside the residence.

How do you assure the gas is present?

▪ ***Liquid Propane***

With a liquid propane tank, there is typically a round valve that must be turned counterclockwise to open the flow of gas.

Natural Gas

With natural gas the valve is located on the outside meter. In order to assure the flow of gas, the valve must be aligned with the pipe. Simply turn the "Flat Quarter-Turn Valve" so that it is inline with the pipe.

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Engaging the Igniter Button

Igniter buttons are little red buttons that can be found by the main control knob. They are identified by “Off” and “On” markings.

Step 1 If the fireplace is in the “On” position, simply turn the valve to the “OFF” position and wait 2 minutes.

Step 2 Line up the mark on the knob with the word, “Pilot.”

Step 3 Hold down the control knob and hit the igniter a couple of times.

You must hold the knob down long enough to heat the “Thermocouple.” The Thermocouple is a safety device that prevents gas from flowing if the pilot light goes out.

Step 4 When the pilot lights, let go of the knob slowly. The pilot should be burning at this point.

Step 5 Assure the pilot is still burning and turn the knob to the “On” position.

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Engaging the Igniter Button continued:

If the pilot light does not engage on the first try, you may have to hold down the knob long enough to purge the air out of the gas line allowing the gas to reach the pilot assembly. Keep trying periodically to light the pilot light. This process may take several minutes and several attempts.

Please keep in mind that most gas fireplace models will have a manual switch present. That switch must be engaged for the gas fireplace to light.

Gas fireplaces are very safe when used properly. Please make sure you always look for obstructions or debris in the gas lines. If you ever smell gas or suspect a gas leak, please immediately call a company that is certified in fireplace service, installation and maintenance.

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