

## **GAS BOTTLES REGULATION**

**Gas Bottle-Cylinder Testing Facts & Expiry Date**  
In Australia, BBQ gas bottles must be tested every ten years.

It is illegal to fill a gas bottle that is past its expiry date but you are allowed to use it, past the expiry date, if it still contains gas.

**What is Gas Bottle-Cylinder Testing?**

In summary:

- Gas bottles, cylinders and larger tanks must be inspected periodically for safety and re-certification.
- The testing periods vary - with 10 to 15 years being typical - and the test date is permanently marked or stamped on the bottle.
- The gas bottles are subject to internal and external inspection for rust and any other damage.
- Physical testing, including pressure tests, may be required depending on the type and size of vessel and the country where tested.
- Only approved testing facilities are authorised to test and re-certify gas bottles, cylinders and tanks.

**Test Date Stamp Expiry**

The original test date is stamped into the neck ring of the BBQ gas bottle by the gas bottle manufacturer.

When that test date expires the gas bottle must be re-inspected by an Australian certified test station and the neck ring re-stamped and dated.

The following is a brief summary of the re-inspection process:

**Preparation - De-gassing**

**LPG gas bottle degassing station**

At the start of the process the gas bottle is totally emptied of any remnant gas.

A degassing station is shown in the picture to the right.

The old gas valve is then removed to facilitate the internal inspection.

**External Inspection**

**LPG gas bottle condemned because of fire damage**