



### General Safety Tips

Whether at home or at the pump, use gasoline only as an engine or equipment fuel specifically as recommended by the engine or equipment manufacturer. Avoid contact with skin and *never use gasoline as a hand cleaner, cleaning solvent, barbecue starter, etc*

**Keep** gasoline at least 50 feet away from ignition sources like heat, sparks, and flame. *Never smoke, light matches or use a lighter around gasoline.*

**Before** fueling, turn off your engine and any auxiliary sources of ignition, such as a camper or trailer heater, cooking unit or pilot light.

### Disposal

**Contact** your local Fire Department, recycling center or hazardous waste disposal center. Never dispose of excess gasoline or containers in your regular garbage.

**Do not** discard gasoline on the ground or pour it into a sewer, street drain, stream or river. This is harmful to the environment and could cause a fire or explosion.

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For more information on the proper handling of motor fuel, visit the American Petroleum Institute website at <http://www.api.org/consumer> or The Petroleum Equipment Institute website at <http://www.pei.org/static>

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## Gasoline Handling Tips



Although gasoline safety incidents at self-service gas stations are rare, it's important to know how to handle gasoline properly – both at the pump and at home.

Following are some simple safety tips to help ensure every fueling experience you have is a safe one.

## Fueling Your Vehicle

To avoid static electricity build-up, do not re-enter your vehicle until you have completely finished fueling – even when using the nozzle’s hold-open latch. *Always touch a metal part of your vehicle* (such as the door or fender away from the gas tank opening) with a bare hand after you get out of your vehicle and before you begin fueling.

**Only** use the refueling latch provided on the dispenser. Never jam the refueling latch on the nozzle with any object (e.g., gas cap, etc.).

**Never** leave the nozzle unattended.

**Do not** overfill or top-off your tank.

**Never** let children fuel the vehicle.

**Leave** cell phones and other electronic devices turned off and in the vehicle.

In the unlikely event a fire occurs while you’re refueling, leave the nozzle in the tank, back away from your vehicle, and alert a station employee immediately.

## Filling Portable Containers

Use only containers with approved labels as required by federal, state and local authorities (red, 1-5 gallon, metal or ULL-approved plastic, with a vapor-tight cap). Never store gasoline in glass or unapproved containers.

**Place** the container on the ground at least five feet away from vehicles to prevent ignition of fumes by hot engines or mufflers. *Never fill a container while it is in the bed of a pickup, the back of a station wagon, the trunk of a car, or anywhere else inside a vehicle.*

**Manually** control the nozzle throughout the filling process and proceed slowly. Keep the nozzle spout in contact with the container to prevent static electricity build-up or discharge.

**Fill** the container no more than 5% full to allow for expansion. When you’re finished, screw the cap on tightly and clean any spilled fuel from the outside of the container.

## Transporting Gasoline in Portable Containers

Place the filled container in your car trunk or back of your pickup – not in the passenger area. Avoid carrying a container of gasoline in a van.

**Secure** the container so it can’t tip over or slide around while you’re driving.

**Never** leave a vehicle with a container of gasoline in direct sunlight.

**Remove** the container as soon as you arrive at your destination.

**Use a funnel to avoid spills.** A funnel with a flexible stem allows you to direct gasoline safely past safety flap valves in newer vehicles and in some equipment.

## Protecting Your Health

**Never** siphon gasoline by mouth. **Gasoline can be harmful or fatal if swallowed. Do not induce vomiting. Obtain medical treatment immediately.** For additional guidance, call your local Poison Control Center.

**Avoid** prolonged breathing of gasoline vapors. Use and pour gasoline only in the open. If you feel dizzy or confused, get fresh air immediately.

If gasoline is spilled on your skin, wash the affected areas thoroughly with soap and water. If splashed in your eyes, immediately flush them with water for at least 15 minutes. Immediately drench gasoline-soaked clothing with water before removing.

## Storing Gasoline Safely

**Store** gasoline containers in a well-ventilated place inaccessible to children and pets. *Do not store gasoline inside your house.*

**Store** containers away from ignition sources (gas pilot lights or flames, electric motors, stoves, heaters, etc.) and combustibles (paper, rags, cardboard, etc.).