

SUMMER SAFETY:

Gasoline Safety Tips



It is important to store gasoline outside the home, preferably in a locked, detached shed, and store just enough to power your gasoline-fueled equipment.

Keep gasoline inside a clearly marked container that is labeled and certified for gasoline storage, and keep it out of reach of children. Make sure gasoline and all flammable liquids are well away from any heat source or flame. Use gasoline as a motor fuel only — never as a stain remover or for other purposes.

To transport gasoline in an automobile, place your sealed, certified container in the trunk with the trunk lid propped open when driving to and from the fueling site. Take a direct route back home, and never store gasoline in a vehicle.

MOST FIRES INVOLVING GASOLINE ARE THE RESULT OF LEAKING FUEL FROM EQUIPMENT, APPLIANCES or vehicles, fuel spillage, or the improper use in combination with nearby ignition sources, such as open flames or sparks that ignited the gasoline vapours.



GAS POWERED EQUIPMENT

When fueling gas powered equipment:

- » **DO NOT** smoke when you use gasoline.
- » **MOVE** equipment away from combustibles before fueling.
- » **FUEL** outdoors in a well-ventilated area, as well as store gasoline in well-ventilated area in tightly closed safe cans, away from children, sparks or flame sources.
- » **BEFORE** starting the motor, move the equipment at least three metres away from the fueling spot; this prevents vapours from igniting.
- » **NEVER** refuel your mower when the engine is running. Cool the motor before refueling.
- » **WIPE UP** gasoline spills.



WHEN FUELING A BOAT

- » **BE SURE** the fueling nozzle is grounded to the fuel intake.
- » **DO NOT** fill to capacity – leave room for expansion.
- » **WIPE UP** fuel spills immediately and check the bilge for fuel leakage and odours.
- » **AFTER** fueling and before starting the motor, ventilate with the blower for at least four minutes.
- » **CONSIDER** installing a smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector inside your covered boat and test the battery before using the boat each time. Replace the battery with a fresh one at least once a year.

