



State of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Brochure: Don't "Top Off" the Tank

Topping off your gas tank spills gas allowing vapors into the air. This is bad for the environment, your health, and your wallet.

Facts About Topping Off the Tank

- Topping off the gas tank can result in paying for gas that is fed back into the station's tanks because your gas tank is full
- You need extra room in your gas tank for the vapor collection system to work properly

Gasoline vapors are harmful to breathe

- Gas vapors are a source of several air pollutants including benzene, which is known to cause cancer
- Evaporation of gas can lead to higher smog levels and other air pollution problems

Things to do

- Remind attendant to "please don't top it off"
- If you're pumping your own gas, stop pumping as soon as the nozzle clicks off
- Spread the word to family, friends and neighbors