

Follow Laws

- Check with local fire agencies or other community resources for ways to recycle or dispose of yard debris without burning.
- When camping, call the local fire agency to check if open fires are allowed.

For life threatening emergencies, call 9-1-1

For information on gasoline and flammable liquids, visit www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/HFSC_Gas.shtml.



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Get started with gasoline safety!



Don't get burned when using gasoline!

Safety information from the Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal and your local fire agency.



Home Fire Safety Starts With YOU!



Did You Know?

- In Oregon, more than 200 adult males are severely burned each year when using gasoline or ignitable liquids to burn trash and yard debris, or light campfires or charcoal grills.
- Recent National Fire Protection Association data estimates 2,400 gasoline fires in U.S. homes annually.
- Using gasoline to kindle fire, and gasoline too close to a heat source were leading factors in home gasoline structure fires.

Gasoline Safety Do's and Don'ts

- **Do** use gas to fuel an engine.
- **Do** wait until lawnmowers or other small engine tools are cool before adding gas.
- **Do** use gas in a well ventilated area.
- **Don't** use gas to start trash or yard debris fires, campfires, or charcoal grills.
- **Don't** use gas to light your fireplace or woodstove.
- **Don't** use gas as a cleaning fluid or solvent.

Alternatives to Gasoline

- Use starter fluid, a charcoal chimney starter or manufactured fire starters (sticks, gel, etc.) to light charcoal grills.
- Recycle yard debris instead of burning.
- Use paper, cardboard or manufactured fire starters to light your fireplace or woodstove.
- Use special cleaning fluids and solvents made specifically for clean-up tasks.

Gasoline Storage

- Store gas and other flammable liquids in approved safety containers.
- Mark gas and other flammable liquids to identify them.
- Store gas outside in a well-ventilated area that is not attached to your home such as a shed or outbuilding.
- Place containers of gas out of reach of children, preferably in a locked cabinet.
- Store only a few gallons of gas at a time.
- Keep gas away from potential heat sources such as sun, hot water heater, space heater, or furnace and away from ignition sources.

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