

## Safe Refueling and Fuel Handling Guidelines for Customers

\*Post at your station or on your pumps for all customers to see.

- **Turn off your vehicle** engine while refueling. Put your vehicle in park and / or set the emergency brake. Disable or turn off any auxiliary sources of ignition such as a camper or trailer heater, cooking units, or pilot lights.
- **Do not smoke**, light matches or lighters while refueling at the pump or when using gasoline anywhere else. Use only the refueling latch provided on the gasoline dispenser nozzle; **-never jam the refueling latch on the nozzle open.**
- **Do not re-enter your vehicle** during refueling.
- In the unlikely event a static-caused fire occurs when refueling, leave the nozzle in the fill pipe and back away from the vehicle. Notify the station attendant immediately.
- **Do not over-fill** or top-off your vehicle tank, which can cause gasoline spillage.
- **Avoid prolonged breathing of gasoline vapors.** Use gasoline only in open areas that get plenty of fresh air. Keep your face away from the nozzle or container opening.
- When dispensing gasoline into a container, **use only an approved portable container** and place it on the ground when refueling to avoid a possible static electricity ignition of fuel vapors. Containers should never be filled while inside a vehicle or its trunk, the bed of a pickup truck or the floor of a trailer.
- **Only store gasoline in approved containers** as required by federal or state authorities. Never store gasoline in glass or any other unapproved containers.
- When filling a portable container, manually control the nozzle valve throughout the filling process. **Fill a portable container slowly** to decrease the chance of static electricity buildup and minimize spilling or splattering.
- Fill container no more than 95 percent full to allow for expansion.
- **Place cap tightly on the container** after filling-do not use containers that do not seal properly.
- If gasoline spills on the container, make sure that it has evaporated before you place the container in your vehicle. **Report spills to the attendant.**
- When transporting gasoline in a portable container make sure it is secured against tipping and sliding, and **never leave it in direct sunlight or in the trunk of a car.**
- **Never siphon gasoline** by mouth nor put gasoline in your mouth for any reason. Gasoline can be harmful or fatal if swallowed. If someone swallows gasoline, do not induce vomiting. Contact a doctor immediately.
- **Keep gasoline away from your eyes and skin;** it may cause irritation. Remove gasoline-soaked clothing immediately.
- Use gasoline as a motor fuel only. **Never use gasoline to wash your hands or as a cleaning solvent.**

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