

# Gasoline Safety

## Storage

- Check your local regulations to confirm the amount of gasoline you can store.
- Keep gasoline containers tightly closed and handle them gently to avoid spills.
- Store gasoline in approved fuel containers that are child-resistant.
- Keep portable gasoline containers in a cool well-ventilated area, separate from the house, such as a shed or garage.
- Keep stored fuel out of reach of children.
- Keep fuel containers away from sources of ignition.
- Never smoke near gasoline or at a gas station.
- Always read the instructions.



## Use

- Wash your skin with soapy water if you spill gas on yourself.
- Put gasoline cans on the ground to fill up at the gas station.
- Do not mix gasoline with kerosene or diesel. Do not use gasoline in heaters that require kerosene.
- Only fuel equipment when the engine is off.
- Never use gasoline to start or restart a fire.



## Spills

**Minor Spills** Should be absorbed with sawdust, paper, or rags.

**Disposal** Some SC county programs accept gasoline in specially designated oil/gasoline mixture collection tanks. Visit [RecycleHereSC](https://www.recyclehere.com) to determine the proper avenues for disposing of spilled gasoline. Place recovered gasoline and cleanup materials in approved, labeled containers for proper disposal.



**NEVER** dispose of spilled gasoline or cleaning materials on the ground or into your garbage, drains, toilets, or sewers. Doing so may cause a fire, or seep into streams, bays, lakes, or your groundwater.

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