

# Disaster Relief

## *Fuel Hauling and Storage Tips*



### Be safe, not sorry!

#### Warning!

- Do not smoke around gasoline.
- Do not leave your engine running while you fill containers.

#### Containers Must Be:

- Metal or durable plastic
- Color coded and labeled for petroleum products (red is for gasoline; yellow is for diesel; blue is for kerosene)
- Lab approved
- Properly vented

**Do not use glass containers or food containers!**

#### Filling Containers

- Avoid static electricity (to prevent fire):
  - Place the container on the ground to fill it. Do not leave it in the vehicle to fill!
  - Nozzle should always be touching the container until you are finished filling.
  - Fill the container slowly.
- Don't fill completely. Leave some space for heat expansion.
- **Do not lock the nozzle for filling.**

#### Transporting Containers

- Check gasoline caps and vent caps for tightness.
- Wipe off spilled fluids before putting containers in your vehicle.
- Make sure the containers will not tip over.
- Position containers to avoid exposure to direct sunlight. Secure containers with straps and cords to prevent movement in transport.
- Cover with a tarp if possible.
- Never transport gasoline or LP gas in the passenger compartment of a vehicle.

#### Storing Containers

- Store gasoline in a well-ventilated shed, if possible, away from the house and equipment. Do not store in a utility room near appliances, especially hot water heaters.
- Use only approved containers for storage.
- Limit indoor storage to 10 gallons.
- Keep away from children.

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