

# Dos & Don'ts At the Gas Pump

## Static Fires – How to Prevent Them



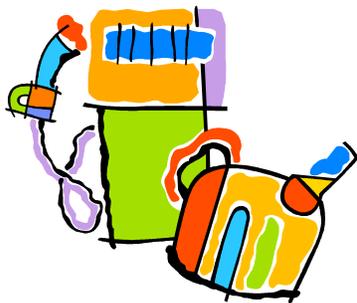
### Safe Refueling and Fuel Handling

These refueling and fuel safety guidelines will help keep you and your family safe when refueling your vehicle or filling up gasoline storage containers.

1. **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.
2. **Do not smoke** or light matches or lighters while refueling at the pump or when using gasoline anywhere else.
3. Use only the refueling latch provided on the gasoline dispenser nozzle – never jam the refueling latch on the nozzle open.
4. **Do not re-enter your vehicle** during refueling.
5. 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.
6. Do not overfill or top off your vehicle tank, which can cause gasoline spillage.
7. 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.
8. 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, or on the bed of a pickup truck or the floor of a trailer.



9. Only store gasoline in approved containers as required by federal and state authorities. Never store gasoline in glass or any other unapproved containers.
10. 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 to minimize spilling or splattering.
11. Fill container no more than 95 percent full to allow for expansion.
12. Place cap tightly on the container after filling – do not use containers that do not seal properly.
13. 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.
14. When transporting gasoline in a portable container, make sure it is secure against tipping and sliding, and never leave it in direct sunlight or in the trunk of a car.
15. Never siphon gasoline by mouth or 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.
16. Keep gasoline away from your eyes and skin; it may cause irritation. Remove gasoline-soaked clothing immediately.
17. Use gasoline as a motor fuel only. Never use gasoline to wash your hands or as a cleaning solvent.



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