

## 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](http://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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