

Section E: Support Services

EDBB The Storage and Use of Fuels

The purpose of this policy is to establish the procedures for the safe and responsible use of fuels at Region 8. The goal is that each program or department using fuels will have a supply to use. The following requirements will be followed where fuels are used;

- Each program or department will provide its own fuel.
- Only OSHA approved cans will be used. These cans will be red for gasoline and yellow for diesel. The definition of an allowable can is stated below.
- Fuel cans will be stored in a storage cabinet for flammable materials when not in use.
- Maintenance Department personnel will refill the cans as necessary. Each program or department is responsible to keep track of their fuel and inform the Maintenance Department when more is required. A separate receipt will be obtained for each program or department, turned into the office within 24 hours and recorded in the Fuel Log.

OSHA approved fuel cans:

According to OSHA, only approved safety cans or Department of Transportation (DOT)-approved containers shall be used for the handling and use of gasoline or diesel in quantities of 5 gallons or less. OSHA defines a "safety can" as an approved container holding 5 gallons of gas or less with a spring-closing lid and spout cover, a means to relieve internal pressure and a flash-arresting screen. The spring-closing lid and spout cover is designed to keep liquid and vapor from escaping at ordinary temperatures and to lift slightly when exposed to excessive outside heat.

As noted in the definition, any fuel can that has its internal screen removed is not allowed for use.

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