



# FUEL STORAGE

## COMMUNITY FIRE SAFETY FACT SHEET



### WHY IS CORRECT FUEL STORAGE IMPORTANT?

Fuel is highly flammable and can be dangerous if not stored correctly.

Safe storage helps prevent fires, explosions, toxic fumes, and environmental damage.

Using approved containers and keeping fuel away from ignition sources protects people, property, and the surrounding community.



### IN AN EMERGENCY CALL TRIPLE ZERO (000)



Dispose of any chemical or fuels you don't use anymore (contact your local council, local tip, chemical waste disposal company).

Community Recycling Centres (CRCs) are permanent drop-off centres for common household problem wastes that can't be collected via council kerbside waste and recycling collection services. NSW householders can drop off problem wastes at these centres year-round, free of charge.

**To find your nearest CRC, visit [www.epa.nsw.gov.au](http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au) and search for Community Recycling Centres.**

### SAFE STORAGE

- ❑ Only store fuels in containers that are made for that purpose and comply with relevant standard AS2906.
- ❑ Do not store fuels in empty food and drink containers or other non-compliant containers.
- ❑ Do not fill beyond marked filling level.
- ❑ Keep flammable fuels away from ignition sources (anything that can cause a spark or a flame such as power points, machines or equipment).
- ❑ Minimise spills and splashes by using safe pouring or decanting techniques.



### WHERE TO STORE FUELS

- ❑ Store away from direct sunlight.
- ❑ Store fuel in a secure area and out of reach of children, preferably 1.5m above the ground.
- ❑ Store fuels in a well-ventilated storage area.

### FUEL SAFETY

- ❑ Place containers on the ground when filling and ensure filling nozzle maintains contact with the inside of container.
- ❑ Exercise caution when opening container at all times.
- ❑ Consider having an extinguisher suitable for flammable fuel nearby.
- ❑ Ensure lids are secured on containers of fuels and chemicals.
- ❑ Make sure all chemicals and fuels are clearly labelled.
- ❑ **IF POISONING OCCURS CONTACT A DOCTOR OR THE POISONS INFORMATION CENTRE ON 13 11 26**

