



## Refueling

Service stations and equipment are designed to provide a safe environment for refueling. But what happens when you fill up your tractor, mower, or weed eater on the farm? Do you do it safely?

### Things to Remember

- Never smoke during refueling operations. Do not refuel near an open flame. Keep a CO2 (carbon dioxide), or an ABC Dry Chemical extinguisher handy.
- If there's a chance of a vehicle rolling while being refueled, chock the wheels. Before filling the fuel tank, shut off the engine.
- If the fuel tank is located near the engine or other hot area, such as the manifold or muffler, let the engine cool before filling the tank.
- When transferring fuel from a can, mobile tank or fuel truck, keep the spout or nozzle in contact with the fuel tank. As fuel is poured, it can generate static electricity. If a spark ignites the fuel vapors, a fire or explosion could result.
- Take your time, and be careful not to spill the fuel because it could ignite if it contacts with something hot. Do not overfill or "top off" the tank. If the equipment is in the hot sun, the fuel will expand and may overflow. Leave enough space in the tank to compensate for expansion or tilting.
- After refueling has been completed, be sure all fuel has been drained from the hose and that any spills are cleaned up immediately.

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