

# Fuel at Burning Man

Theme Camp Fuel Storage Guidelines

# **Quantity Limits** and Other Options

No more than 110 gallons or two 55-gallon drums may be stored in camping areas.

Arrangements can be made to have fuel delivered daily to larger generators or in drums through independent vendors. Mutant Vehicles can also contact vendors to arrange for fueling. While Burning Man has approved these providers' access to the Event, they are not affiliated with Burning Man. You can make contact with approved fuel vendors through the Fuel Funnel at Playa Info in Center Camp.

#### **Containers**

Fuel must be in stored in appropriate containers, which include 55-gallon fuel drums and DOT approved 5-gallon or smaller containers.

The use of totes or other containers not designed for use with fuel and certified as such are prohibited.

Fuel containers should not be overfilled. Most fuel containers are designed to be filled to 80% in order to allow expansion caused by temperature change and the sun.

Fuel containers must remain closed except when filling or dispensing fuel. Proper seal must be ensured on all lids, caps, bungs, or valves to prevent spills or leaks. All containers shall be securable to prevent tampering.

Fuel must not be stored in close proximity to any sources of artificially-produced heat which could cause the fuel to ignite, and must **never** be stored inside or under a living area such as a camper.





### Secondary Containment

A secondary containment device or structure capable of holding 110% of the largest single container in the containment is required.

Collections of small tanks or containers, in total quantities exceeding 20 gallons, also need secondary containment. For collections of small fuel cans, this can be a simple cement-mixing tub



# Spill Control and Response

Preventing spills on the surface of the Black Rock desert is essential to our continued use of this resource at our Event. It is also important to be good stewards of public lands and to leave no trace. The Playa surface itself adds to the challenge because of its absorbent nature. Spill response and containment control materials should be kept on hand to deal with any spill quickly. Basic fuel spill kits should include a shovel and a sealable container such as a 5gallon bucket for storage until disposal. Spill control measures should be proportional to amounts of fuel stored.



## **Report Spills**

Fuel spills must be reported to Black Rock Rangers or Emergency Services located at the 3:00 and 9:00 plazas or Center Camp. Reports should include specific location and contact person at that location.

### **Separation and Emergency Egress**

A distance of 10' or greater must be maintained between any stored fuels (liquid fuels and compressed or liquefied fuel gases) and tents, equipment, public areas, RVs and all camp structures.

A fire lane of 20' shall be kept free of obstructions to provide emergency access for fire vehicles if needed. No fuel storage area shall be closer than 100' from another fuel storage area.

All fuel storage areas must be protected from vehicle collision. A safety area of 10' around the stored fuel should be marked as off limits using caution tape or other equivalent measures.

Do not store fuel under or near living areas, campers, or vehicles.



### Fire Extinguishers

At least one hand held portable extinguisher with a 40-B rating is required for any fuel storage area The fire extinguisher must be placed 8′ – 10′ from the fuel storage and be placed in a location where it is visible and easily accessible.





Homemade and commercial fire extinguisher holders

### **Safety Reminders**

Store fuel away from any running generator.

Do not fill the tank on a generator that is running.

Be aware of static electricity that can build up on you and / or a container. Any spark can ignite gasoline vapors.

For More Information About Fuel At Burning Man Go To:
http://burningman.org/event/art-performance/fire-art-guidelines/fuel-hazmat-storage/