



# Clovis Fire Department

## Standard # 11

### RULES GOVERNING THE SALE OF GASOLINE IN CUSTOMER-OWNED CONTAINERS

THE VARIOUS RULES DESCRIBED BELOW ARE THOSE PUBLICIZED UNDER  
LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL AUTHORITY

1. Be familiar with your local fire codes dealing with the acceptability of the various kinds of containers, which might be offered for filling.
2. All containers must be labeled as follows:

**“GASOLINE”**

**“DANGER- EXTREMELY FLAMMABLE  
HARMFUL OR FATAL IF SWALLOWED  
VAPORS MAY CAUSE FLASH FIRE”**

**“Vapors may ignite explosively. Prevent buildup of vapors. Do not store indoors. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Do not smoke. Do not use or store near flame, pilot lights, stoves, heaters, electric motors and other sources of ignition. Avoid repeated or prolonged contact with skin or breathing of vapors. If swallowed do not induce vomiting. Call physician immediately. Do not transfer to unlabelled container. Close container tightly after each use. Store only in closed container. Keep out of the reach of children”.**

Gasoline sold in customer owned containers is exempt from the requirement to label the container with the name and location of the dealer or distributor.

IF THE CONTAINER BEARS NO LABELING AT THE TIME IT IS OFFERED FOR FILLING, THE DEALER **MUST** AFFIX THE ABOVE LABELLING TO THE CONTAINER BEFORE SALE.

3. State and federal laws prohibit the sale of hazardous substances, such as gasoline, in reused food, drug, or cosmetic containers...or any container, though not reused, which resembles a food, drug or cosmetic container. Such containers as empty milk jugs (plastic) or empty punch or fruit drink containers (plastic or glass) are examples of this kind of container.

You may refer questions, from the public, or those you may have yourself, about compliance with these rules to your local fire service officers, or:

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San Francisco, Ca. 94111  
(415) 556-1816

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