

ETHANOL BLENDED GASOLINE – PREPARE NOW!

The Federal and Provincial governments have mandated that gasoline sold contain ethanol. To comply with this legislation the regular gasoline that you purchase from your Co-op will soon contain ethanol.

While you can continue to be assured that Co-op gasoline will be of the highest quality, because of ethanol's affinity for water and its solvent nature there are steps that you should take to prepare for use of ethanol blended gasoline. We encourage you to begin preparing for receipt of ethanol blended gasoline immediately.

Storage Tanks

- Check Tanks For Water
 - You should check for the presence of water in regular gasoline storage tanks. You can purchase a water finding paste from your Co-op which can be used along with a dip stick to determine if water is present in your tanks.
- Remove Any Water Found In Tanks
 - Remove any water found in your tanks. If water is not removed, ethanol's affinity for water could result in water being pumped from the storage tank into the equipment being filled. Water absorbing products are available from your Co-op.
- Ensure That Tanks Have Filters, Monitor Their Condition, Change If Necessary
 - Ethanol acts as a solvent, loosening residue such as rust, and dirt that may have accumulated in your fuel storage system. Ensure that your storage system is equipped with filters, check these filters regularly and change them if necessary. Your Co-op carries a line of filters for storage tanks.

Equipment

- Check To See If Equipment Can Utilize Ethanol Blended Gasoline
 - Most engines built within the last 20 years can utilize ethanol blended gasoline. Older engines with carburetors may require an adjustment to air/fuel ratios. Please consult your owner's manual or equipment manufacturer if you have questions about the use of ethanol blended gasoline in specific equipment.
 - Most new small engines (two cycle and four stroke engines) can utilize ethanol blended gasoline. Ethanol blended gasoline can also be used in certain older small engines. Please consult your owner's manual or equipment manufacturer about the use of ethanol blended gasoline in specific equipment.
- Check For Water In Equipment
 - Equipment that is not operated throughout the year has a greater chance of having water in the fuel system. You should check for the presence of water in the fuel tank of this equipment utilizing a water finding paste and remove any water found. Water absorbing products are available from your Co-op.
- Check Fuel Filters, Change If Necessary
 - Ethanol acts as a solvent, loosening residue such as rust, varnish and dirt that may have accumulated in your engine. Check fuel filters regularly and change them if necessary.