

## Refueling Equipment

Refueling motorized equipment, such as chain saws, chippers, grinders, and even weed trimmers, is part of the job. As such, it is important that this operation be conducted in as safe a manner as possible. Remember, gasoline and fuel oils are manufactured to cause an explosion in the engine. They are just as explosive outside it.

### Guide for Discussion

#### Care and Use

- Concentrate on the task to be performed.
- Never smoke during refueling operations.
- Don't refuel near an open flame or near a sparking situation.
- Keep a fire extinguisher within 25 feet and no closer than 6 feet.
- If the equipment may accidentally move, chock the wheels.
- Always shut the engine off.
- If necessary, allow the engine to cool.
- Be sure both fuel dispensing tank and equipment are grounded.
- Don't spill the fuel. (Spilled fuel is a safety, health, and environmental hazard.)
- Don't overfill the fuel tank. On hot days, allow for expansion.
- Always clean up any spills.

#### Additional Discussion Notes:

**Remember** If there is a refueling area, be sure it is clearly marked and keep the area neat at all times. Whether you are filling a bulldozer or a chain saw, it's better to do it properly than to risk an explosion that could ruin or end your life and the lives of those around you. Remember gasoline was designed to explode when ignited.

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