

Household Chemicals & Fuels

Sometimes the simplest items can pose underlying risks when not handled properly. The following tips highlight the easy steps you can take to correctly store and use various household chemicals like cleaning supplies and flammable chemicals.

Household Chemicals (Cleaning Supplies):

- Household and pool chemicals, paints, and cleaners should be properly marked and left sealed in their original containers.
- Harmful items should be stored under lock and key and out of reach of children and for accidental spills.
- Properly dispose of chemicals that are leaking, expired, or that look bad.
- When cleaning with a harmful chemical, follow the safety direction on the packaging and wear the recommended safety equipment such as gloves.
- Never mix chemicals in the same container and never place chemicals in the trash or down the drain.
- Clean up your work areas and remove all hazards such as drop cloths and rags, in addition to other fire hazards. Always ensure these items are not placed near heating sources like a furnace, hot water tank, dryers, space heaters, etc.
- Never use flammable chemicals as a cleaner to remove stains from skin, clothing, machinery parts, tools/brushes, or floors.



Flammable Chemicals (Gas, Fuel, Propane):

- Leave fuels in their original containers or in approved safety containers designed to hold them complete with tight fitting caps so vapors cannot escape.
- Never bring flammable chemicals inside the home. Store them outside of the home aware from any ignition source and out of reach of children.
- Never use a flammable chemical near sparks, flames, hot engines/motors or any other source of static electricity.
- Never smoke while handling fuel.
- Do not use gas to start a fire.
- Properly dispose of bad fuel.

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