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## Fire Code Safety



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Costco gas station attendants are often asked, "Why must I shut off my engine at the gas station when it is very hot (or cold) outside?" The answer: because it's the law.

Local governments adopt fire safety standards established by professional organizations such as the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) or the International Code Council (ICC). Once adopted, these standards become law. We train our attendants to always enforce the fire code, which prohibits smoking, running engines or other sources of ignition within 20 feet of a gasoline dispenser. (See NFPA 30A section 9.7, or IFC 2305.4)



The fire code has other safety provisions, including regulations about filling portable containers. Approved portable containers are now limited to 6 gallons maximum, and they must always be removed from the vehicle and placed on the ground while being filled. You cannot use the nozzle hold-open latch when filling such containers. This helps prevent spills, and fires caused by static electricity.

Costco attendants are required to enforce the fire code. The No. 1 goal of our highly trained attendants is to ensure member safety. ■