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**To:** Local Gas Stations

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**From:** East Hampton Fire Marshal Office

**Subject:** Filling and Transporting of Gasoline in Unapproved Containers

As a result of recent events we are seeing an increase of people buying large quantities of gasoline at commercial gasoline stations and transporting it. Unfortunately, many of these people are not doing so in a safe manner. It is not being done in malice, but rather by the lack of understanding of the requirements. The State Fire Marshal Office has reached out to local Fire Marshals to help educate local Gasoline Companies and their attendants of this current issue.

Under the Connecticut State Fire Prevention Code (CSFPC) there are several sections that must be complied with when it comes to motor fuel dispensing. We have summarized the code concerns below, **please reference our website for further code sections and explanations.**

- Operational requirements for motor fuel dispensing facilities and the dispensing of motor fuel into containers
- Dispensing into containers; Class I (Gasoline) or Class II (Diesel) liquids shall not be dispensed into portable containers unless it is an acceptable container. No Sale or purchase of these liquids shall be made in containers unless properly marked.
- Acceptable containers:
  1. Metal containers meeting requirements
  2. Plastic or metal consumer- use containers meeting requirements
  3. Nonmetallic or metallic commercial/industrial safety cans meeting requirements
  4. Plastic containers meeting requirements
  5. Fiber drums meeting requirements
  6. Rigid nonmetallic intermediate bulk containers meeting requirements
  7. Glass containers up to capacity limits in set Table 66.9.4.33 of the CT Fire Prevention Code.
- Enforcement; Both the individual and the gas station attendant CAN be charged with 1 count for each container.
  - Violating CSPFC or Fire Safety Code may result in a misdemeanor offense. With a penalty of not less than two hundred dollars or more than one thousand dollars or be imprisoned not more than six months, or both.

These issues do not address commercial motor vehicles. In the event that you encounter a situation where you are faced with a commercial motor vehicle and you need assistance, please contact the CT State Police - Fire & Explosion Investigation Unit or the CT State Police Traffic Services Unit, 24 hours a day through the Message Center at 800.842.0200.

If you have any Questions, please do not hesitate to contact the East Hampton Fire Marshal Richard Klotzbier. He can be reached at 860-267-0088 or via email @ [firemarshal@easthamptonct.gov](mailto:firemarshal@easthamptonct.gov).

Thank You,



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