

## Action Plan – Fuel Safety and Storage

This worksheet is designed to help readers develop a fuel storage and safety action plan using information provided in Chapter 12 (Fuel Safety and Storage) of [\*The Provident Prepper: A Common-Sense Guide to Preparing for Emergencies\*](#).

Fuel is one of the four basic necessities for survival. It is an important consideration in our quest to prepare. We need to be able to heat our homes, cook our food, and power vital equipment. Fuel gives us the ability to maintain the standard of living we enjoy. This chapter reviewed plausible fuel options, safe fuel use, and appropriate fuel storage.

Fuels can be extremely dangerous. We cannot stress enough the importance of using wisdom in your use and storage of fuels. Be wise—Don't do stupid things! Place the safety of your loved ones before any other objective. Never store a flammable or combustible fuel in any building that you can't afford to have burn down. Always judiciously follow manufacturer guidelines when storing or using any fuel.

### Determine Local Legal Storage Guidelines

First item of business is to contact your local fire department and learn what the fuel storage guidelines and restrictions are for your area. Apartment dwellers may have different guidelines than single family homes. Safely and legally build your plan around these guidelines.

**Fire Department:**

**Phone Number:**

**Name and position of person contacted:**

**Date of contact:**

Legal Storage Guidelines		
Fuel Category	Legal Limits	Special Storage Requirements
Flammable Liquids (Gasoline and Coleman Fuel)		
Combustible Liquids (Diesel, Kerosene, Lamp Oil)		
Flammable LP Gases (Propane, Butane)		
Other		

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### Homeowners Insurance Guidelines

Contact your insurance agent and review your homeowner's policy. Ask for specific information regarding fuel storage. Depending on your policy, storing some types or amounts of fuels may negate your policy. It may be wise to review your written policy also.

**Homeowners Insurance:**

**Phone Number:**

**Policy Number:**

**Name and position of person contacted:**

**Date of contact:**

### Fuel Requirement Worksheet

Brainstorm what you might need fuel to power in an emergency. What kinds of fuel might work? These should be for necessities, not luxuries.

Possible Fuel Needs and Options		
Fuel Needs	Fuel Options	Solution
Communications Radios Cell phones		
Cooking Boiling Water Warming Canned Foods Cooking Grains and Beans		
Lighting Personal Area		
Heating		
Medical Equipment Oxygen Compressor Nebulizer		
Emergency Power Refrigerator Freezer		
Other		

### Safe Fuel Storage Location

Now it is time to carefully consider where the fuel should be stored. Refer to the detailed information in the chapter to learn how each fuel should be stored. A few fuels may be safely stored inside the garage, but most should be stored in a detached shed. It would be better to do without than to accidentally start a dangerous house fire.

Fuel Storage Location		
Fuel Category	Storage Location	Special Considerations
<b>Batteries</b> Disposable Rechargeable		
<b>Solar Powered Chargers</b> Small phone/radio		
<b>Battery Bank</b> Deep cycle gel cell		
<b>Wax (candles)</b>		
<b>Flammable Liquids</b> (Gasoline, Coleman Fuel, Alcohol)		
<b>Combustible Liquids</b> (Diesel, Kerosene, Lamp Oil)		
<b>Flammable LP Gases</b> (Propane, Butane)		
<b>Fuel Stabilizers</b>		
<b>Charcoal</b>		
<b>Firewood</b>		

**Fuel Storage Goals**

What is your goal? It may be to function through a short term power outage, make it through the winter, or survive an entire year in the event of a long term power outage caused by an EMP. Implementing conservation strategies will enable you to consume considerably less fuel. Do not stress over exact numbers. Make educated guesses. As you practice, you will get a better idea of exact fuel consumption and will be able to tweak your plan appropriately.

Emergency Back-up Fuel	
Length of Time	Number of People

Record your selected fuels. List the target goal, your current supply and the amount needed to reach your goal. Obviously this plan will change regularly, but this will give you a good place to start. You may want to make copies of this plan or include it on an inventory spreadsheet.

Fuel Storage Worksheet			
Fuel	Goal	On Hand	Needed
<b>Example: Batteries (AA)</b>	50	25	25