



## Residential Hazmat Safety

Residential hazardous materials safety is important in preventing fires in and around your home. Hazmat safety involves the proper handling and storage of combustibles and flammable liquids such as gasoline, kerosene, propane, oil, aerosols, certain household cleaning products, and painting supplies. The following are some safety tips you can follow to avoid a hazmat emergency:

- Use proper storage containers for flammables and combustibles;
- Know how to shut off the gas supply in case of an emergency such as an earthquake or tornado;
- Never store flammables in direct sunlight or near an open flame;
- Inspect storage areas regularly and be on the lookout for leaky containers, poor ventilation, and the smell of fumes; and
- Store hazardous materials out of the reach of children and pets.



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