

REMOVE ALL FUELED VEHICLES FROM BUILDINGS

CODE SECTIONS

International Fire Code 2006 Edition

313.1 Fueled equipment. Fueled equipment, including but not limited to motorcycles, mopeds, lawn-care equipment and portable cooking equipment, shall not be stored, operated or repaired within a building.

Exceptions:

1. Buildings or rooms constructed for such use in accordance with the *International Building Code*.
2. Where allowed by Section 313.
3. Storage of equipment utilized for maintenance purposes is allowed in approved locations when the aggregate fuel capacity of the stored equipment does not exceed 10 gallons (38 L) and the building is equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1.

313.1.1 Removal. The fire code official is authorized to require removal of fueled equipment from locations where the presence of such equipment is determined by the fire code official to be hazardous.

EXPLANATION

Unless a building has been constructed, classified, and approved for the storage of fueled vehicles, parking of cars, motorcycles, and other equipment containing a significant amount of fuel is prohibited. Parking garages, both residential and commercial, are examples of buildings that can be used for fueled vehicle storage. Parking in ordinary commercial buildings and businesses is prohibited.

RATIONALE

Because of the highly flammable nature of fuels used to power vehicles and the large amount of fuel that this equipment can carry, storing or parking the vehicles is prohibited inside of a building unless the building is designed for such storage. By keeping fueled vehicles outside of your building, the fire risk potential in your building is significantly reduced.