

Hints For Homeowners

Don't Be "Fuelish" With Your Lawn Mower Care

(NAPSA)—When it comes to getting the most from a lawn mower or other power equipment, using the wrong blend of fuel or skipping off-season maintenance just won't cut it.

The fuel blends and ethanol percentages that may be right for cars—an ethanol concentration greater than 10 percent—are not recommended for power equipment or marine engines.

Also, any fuel blend stored in an unused engine may degrade over time and harm small engines.



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That's why, experts say, it's a good idea for consumers to take lawn mowers and other power products to an authorized dealer at the end of each season. "This is a good way to allow a trained professional to properly dispose of unused fuel and ensure the product is ready for next season," said Mike Rudolph, senior manager, Honda Engines.

Consumers can also use fuel stabilizer when not using an engine for more than 30 days. To learn more, visit the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute at www.opei.org.