

BODEGA BAY FIRE DISTRICT
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE

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SUBJECT: SMALL GASOLINE ENGINES

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This procedure is to be used by fire suppression personnel as a guideline for the use and operation of small gasoline engines. Small gasoline engines are those carried on fire apparatus used for emergency operations. These engines include but not limited to; generators, blowers, chain saws, lights, and hydraulic power units.

All gasoline powered engines shall be run on a weekly basis. The run time shall be in accordance to the manufacture guidelines for warm up and operational conditioning. This warm up run time is typically 15-20 minutes. This warm up period ensures proper operation, circulates the fuel and lubricates cylinders. Those engines (generators) which are designed to be run under a load, shall be run with the appropriate load applied.

Condition of operations:

Gasoline valve:	On
Ignition switch:	Off
Choke:	Off
Power switches:	Off

All gasoline operated engines used in an emergency incident or training event shall be thoroughly cleaned, fluids replaced, and readied for service.