

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
By his Excellency  
Edward J. King  
Governor  
Executive Order No. 160

### Motor gasoline distribution plan

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by Part 2, Chapter 2, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Sections 6 and 8 of Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950 as amended by Section 4 of Chapter 579 of the Acts of 1968, and in conformity with Executive Order 12140 of the President of the United States; and upon my determination that Massachusetts is experiencing a shortage of motor gasoline available for retail distribution such that the public health, safety and welfare is endangered, I hereby require that:

1. Motor gasoline retail sales outlets must require, before the gasoline nozzle is placed in an automobile, that the automobile operator demonstrate to the service station attendant that the fuel gauge registers one-half (1/2) tank or less fuel currently in the tank. If the driver does not choose to allow the attendant to see the fuel gauge, no gasoline may be sold.
2. No minimum or maximum purchases are required; except that the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, with the approval of the Director of the Office of Energy Resources, may set a maximum purchase limitation.
3. Purchasers for the following are exempt from this order:
  - a) police, fire, ambulance, utility emergency service, other emergency vehicles.
  - b) gasoline containers up to a maximum size of five gallons.
  - c) motorcycles, mopeds and scooters.
  - d) marine vessels
4. Motor gasoline retailers will coordinate their hours of operation with their Mayors or Boards of Selectmen and Chiefs of Police (or on state highways with the state police) so that, to the extent possible, at least one station in the area has pumps open between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. 7 days a week. Information as to station openings will be available to citizens on weekdays from the local and state police and on weekends from the toll-free energy phone 1-800-922-8265.
5. Motor gasoline retailers shall post their hours of operation each week and remain open during the posted hours of operation. Local and state police will verify compliance with this requirement.

6. Motor gasoline retailers shall prominently display a red, yellow or green flag in accordance with their operating status as follows:

- a) red flag - pumps closed, but station is open for general services.
- b) green flag - station and pumps open.
- c) yellow flag - station is open for general services, but sales limited to those exempt from the order by reason of being an emergency vehicle.

7. Implementation of this order is hereby delegated to the Director of the Office of Energy Resources who may designate, if necessary, further exemptions, and shall implement such procedures as may be required by Section 207 of the Economic Stabilization Act of 1970.

8. Enforcement of this order is hereby delegated to the Director of the Office of Energy Resources who shall be aided by the State Police and the Police Chiefs of the various cities and towns of the Commonwealth.

9. This order shall terminate, unless extended or previously revoked, at midnight on September 30, 1979.

Given at the Executive Chamber  
in Boston this 21st day of June  
in the year of our Lord one thousand  
nine hundred and seventy-nine and of the  
Independence of the United States of  
America the two hundred and third.

EDWARD J. KING  
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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