When you pull up to a gasoline filling station, you may start to see some changes. The gas you put in your car may no longer be safe for other engine products.

Most gasoline now contains 10 percent ethanol (E10). But, you may see higher ethanol blended gas available for sale - such as 15, 30, 50 or 85 percent ethanol gas. They may even be cheaper than E10.

However, these higher ethanol blends are not meant for small engines, utility vehicles and outdoor power equipment such as mowers, garden tractors, chainsaws, snow throwers, trimmers, generators, power washers, blowers and more.

Gasoline containing greater than 10 percent ethanol can damage or destroy these valuable investments.

In fact, using any fuel that contains more than 10 percent ethanol is harmful and illegal to use in outdoor power equipment.

Today you may come across a gasoline blender pump, which dispenses various ethanol blends, and you might be tempted to buy the least expensive fuel - which may likely contain higher ethanol content. But, price is no longer the way to choose your gasoline safely. You have to choose the right fuel.

Read the equipment’s operating manual for specific fueling requirements, and select the correct gasoline for that specific product.

When you pull up to the gas station, look before you pump. Protect your investments. Choose E10 or less for your outdoor power equipment.