

**GUIDELINES** 

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In the event you are unable to serve draught beer for an extended period, it is important to take some steps now to make sure your beer system performs correctly, and you are not faced with unexpected repairs or quality issues when restarting your beer system.

### Leaving beer in lines

- 1. Leave beer in lines and maintain 14-day cleaning cycle. This ensures product quality and beer line integrity.
- 2. Disconnect couplers from kegs and store in a clean dry environment.
- 3. Turn off gas source/sources
  - This is a safety precaution in case there is an undetected gas leak.
  - We recommend turning the gas off directly from the source.
- 4. Maintain beer storage temperature at 36-38 degrees.
- 5. Glycol power pack remains operating normally. Do not turn off.

## If leaving beer in lines is not possible or preferred

- 1. Clean lines and blow out all liquid from lines.
- 2. Disconnect couplers from kegs and store in clean/dry environment.
- 3. Turn off gas source/sources.
  - This is a safety precaution in case there is an undetected gas leak.
  - We recommend turning the gas off directly from the source.
- 4. Maintain beer storage temperature at 36-38 degrees.
- 5. Raise power pack temperature to 40 degrees.

We do not recommend leaving water or cleaning solution in lines for an extended period of time. Chlorine in water may compromise the tubing surface resulting in permanent off-taste in the beer lines.

#### Pitfalls to avoid

- Do not leave chemicals in draught beer lines as this could damage the beer lines.
- Do not leave couplers or any draught beer system hardware on the floor or any soiled area.
- · Do not leave couplers attached to kegs.
- · Do not shut off glycol power pack. Turning off power pack could result in failure upon restart.

