

Finishing a Welding Job

When you are finished with your oxyacetylene welding task, follow the manufacturer's instructions to shut down the equipment. In most cases, close the **oxygen torch valve first**, then close the **acetylene torch valve**.

When shutting down the equipment for an extended period of time, follow these steps:

1. Close the valves on both the oxygen and acetylene cylinders.
2. Open the **oxygen** torch valve by a half turn.
3. Purge the **oxygen** until both gauges show zero pressure.
4. Close the **oxygen** torch valve.
5. Turn the regulator adjusting screw to the off position.

Next, repeat the process with the **acetylene**:

6. Open the **acetylene** torch valve by a half turn.
7. Purge the gas.
8. Close the **acetylene** torch valve.
9. Turn the regulator adjusting screw to the off position.
10. Neatly coil the hoses and properly store the equipment.

