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## Ethanol fuel station to open in Miami

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MIAMI — A fueling station in Miami will begin selling ethanol blended with gasoline Thursday morning at what will be the first outlet in South Florida for the alternative fuel.

The UGas station on 210 N.W. 79th Ave. will sell the E85 - for 85 percent ethanol, 15 percent gasoline - beginning at 7 a.m. Thursday for 85 cents a gallon for the first two hours.



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After that, it will sell for about 15 or 20 cents cheaper than regular unleaded gas, the station's owners said. The fuel can be used only in so-called flex-fuel vehicles. It would damage regular engines.

There are only about 11,000 flex-fuel vehicles in the Miami area, officials said. UGas hopes to make a success of the business by selling to flex-fuel fleets.


The ethanol will be provided by Protec Fuel Management and its subsidiary, Clean Fuel Distribution, both based in Boca Raton. President Todd Garner said the fuel will come from corn farms in the Midwest.

The announcement was made this morning during a conference at Florida International University.

Garner said he expects an E85 station to open in Palm Beach County within four months. The only other E85 station serving the public opened in Tallahassee last September.

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