

SAFETY TIPS

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What would summer be without steaks, hamburgers, or hot dogs on the grill? – and don't forget the marshmallows! To keep these summer days a pleasant memory, free from injury or loss, be sure to follow these safety procedures:

- Grills should be placed at least 15 feet from any structure.
- No fires of any kind are to be started on apartment/condominium balconies, or patios. It is now possible to be 15 feet from the building on the balcony or patio. Fires in approved containers shall be permitted, provided that such fires are not less than 15 feet from any structure.
- Use only substances designated for cooking fires (lighter fluids) to prime charcoal. Never use gasoline or other flammable liquids. Starter fluid should always be capped immediately and placed at a safe distance from the grill before lighting the fire. Better yet, use a solid starter, which is safer.
- Never spray flammable or combustible liquids, including lighter fluid, onto burning fuel.
- Dispose of spent charcoal in metal containers – outside. Extinguish charcoal thoroughly with water. For gas or propane grills, turn off fuel source, double-checking that it has indeed shut off.
- Follow manufacturers instructions on use and maintenance of propane tanks and grills. Visually inspect all flexible supply lines for cracks before connecting propane tanks.
- On all grills, make certain the burner ports are free of rust or dirt, and that the burner gas supply throat is clear of dust, dirt, or cobwebs.
- If you suspect a gas leak in your gas grill, turn off fuel supply, if possible. Check for leaks with soap and water mixture only by spreading the mixture on line and watching for bubble forming from gas moving through the soap.
- Always store propane cylinders upright and outdoors.
- For food/greasy fires on the grill: turn off fuel source, if possible, cover fire with lid, and use fire extinguisher with B rating.
- In case of fire, evacuate the area and call 911 from a safe location.

ENCOURAGE THESE SAFE GRILLING HABITS

BEFORE	DURING	AFTER
Always read the owner's manual before using a new barbecue grill	Never attempt to grill in an enclosed area	Make sure the coals are out before putting the barbecue grill away
The barbecue grill should not be used within five feet on any combustible material	Once the barbecue grill has been lit, never touch the charcoal or grill to see if it is hot	Never dump hot coals where someone may step on them or where they could start a fire
Never use a barbecue grill unless all parts of the unit are firmly in place and the grill is stable	Never add liquid starter to existing hot or even warm coals	Never dump hot coals near or at the base of a tree – them might kill the tree or cause a fire
Never line the bottom of a grill with aluminum foil	Heat resistant barbecue mitts should be worn when barbecuing	Be sure to clean barbecue areas to prevent attracting unwanted animals

Trim fat from meats to prevent flare-ups	Always use the proper long-handled tools when grilling	A thorough cleaning of the grill is recommended once a year
Barbecue grills are designed for outdoor use only	Never wear loose clothing around a hot grill	Check the owner's manual for any additional maintenance
	Never leave infants, children, or pets unattended near a hot barbecue grill	