



Outdoor Cooking Safety:

Grilling Safety-

- Keep a 3 foot radius clear around your grill.
- Designate this as a “no play zone” for children and pets.
- Before grilling, position your grill away from the house, deck railing, overhanging eaves, or tree branches.
- Propane and charcoal grills are for outdoor use only. If used inside or in a tent, they could expose your family to toxic carbon monoxide, as well as pose a serious fire risk.
- Do not wear loose fitting clothing while grilling. If your clothes do catch fire, remember to Stop, Drop and Roll!
- Always use long handled grilling tools so your hands stay far away from the flame.
- Never leave a grill unattended.
- Periodically remove grease or fat buildup in trays below the grill so it cannot be ignited by a hot grill.

Charcoal Grills-

- ONLY use proper (approved) starter fluid on your charcoal and store it out of the reach of children.
- Never add lighter fluid to hot coals.
- Keep matches and lighters out of reach of children and teach them to tell an adult if they see matches or lighters.
- Properly dispose of hot coals by dousing them with water and stirring to ensure that the fire is completely out.
- Always use a metal container to dispose of coals or ashes.

Propane (Natural Gas) Grills-

- Always check the connection between the tank and the fuel line.
- Make sure tubes are not blocked or plugged and that the hose is not leaking. To check for leaks use a spray bottle with a light soap and water solution to the hose and connections; if bubbles are present, you have a leak. Turn off your grill and do not use it again until the leak has been repaired. If you smell gas while cooking move away from the grill and call the fire department immediately; do not try to move the grill.
- If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not attempt to move the grill.
- All propane cylinders manufactured after April 2002 must have overfill protection devices (OPD). OPDs shut off the flow of propane before capacity is reached, limiting the potential for release of propane gas if the cylinder heats up. OPDs are easily identified by their triangular-shaped hand wheel.
- Use only equipment bearing the mark of an independent testing laboratory. Follow the manufacturers' instructions on how to set up the grill and maintain it.
- Never store propane cylinders in buildings or garages. If you store a gas grill inside during the winter, disconnect the cylinder and leave it outside.

Just a few quick tips to help you enjoy the next few months outdoors.

Enjoy your summer and STAY SAFE!