



Grilling Safety



Important!

Grills and other cooking devices with an open flame shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet of combustible construction.

Exceptions:

- One- and two-family dwellings.
- Where buildings and decks are protected by an automatic sprinkler system.

Safety Tips

- ⇒ Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- ⇒ Keep children and pets away from the grill area.
- ⇒ Keep your grill clean by removing grease from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- ⇒ Never leave your grill unattended
- ⇒ Always follow manufacturer's instructions.
- ⇒ Perform an annual safety inspection prior to the first cookout of the season.
- ⇒ Propane tanks should never be used or stored on a balcony or inside a building.

Propane Grills

Note: Propane grills and cylinders may not be used or stored on a combustible balcony or deck.

Before using your gas grill for the first time each grilling season, check the gas hoses and fittings for leaks. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call 911. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call 911.** Do not move the grill.

Charcoal Grills

- ◆ If using a fluid to start the charcoal grill, use only a fluid intended for lighting charcoal. Do not use any other liquids to light the grill.
- ◆ Never apply charcoal lighter fluid or any other flammable liquids after the charcoal has been lit.
- ◆ Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- ◆ When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.



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Did You Know?

- ◇ 33% of home grill structure fires start on an exterior balcony or unenclosed porch
 - ◇ Charcoal ashes may reignite 48 to 72 hours after use