

GRILLING SAFETY

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But a grill placed too close to the house or under patios can create a fire hazard. They can become very hot causing burn injuries.

Propane Grills

- Propane grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home deck railings and out from under leaves and overhanging branches.
- Check the propane tank hoses for leaks before using it for the first time each year.
- If you smell propane while cooking, shut off the gas valve immediately.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.
- Never pour an accelerant, such as lighter fluid or gas, on a gas grill.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Always use or store cylinders outdoors in an upright (vertical) position.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Keep a fire extinguisher nearby.

Charcoal Grills

- Charcoal grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home and deck railings and out from under leaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area
- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals cool completely. Never empty coals directly into a trash can. Instead, place coals in a covered metal container located at least 10 feet away from your home and any other building.
- Keep a fire extinguisher nearby.

If a fire or emergency occurs, call 911 and provide the dispatcher the nature of the emergency, location of the emergency, your name, and call back number.