

Barbeque Grill Safety

Each year there are hundreds of gas grill and solid fuel (charcoal and wood) grill fires resulting in millions of dollars in property damage. Over 75% of home grill fires are caused by the gas-fueled grill. Always keep children and pets away from a grill that is being used and/or still hot from cooking.

- Never use a solid fuel (charcoal or wood) grill indoors as this can cause a build-up of carbon monoxide (CO). Barbeque grills of any type need to be outdoors at all times, being used or not. CO is a colorless, odorless gas that can accumulate to toxic levels in closed areas.
- Never store a gas grill tank inside a building, if the tank leaks the building will fill with the gas and can cause a large fire if an ignition source is found, I.E. hot water heater, hot engine from a vehicle or any flame.
- Always dispose of charcoal ashes in safety metal container. Ashes can stay hot for days and cause a fire 5-7 days after use.
- Store propane gas containers upright at all times.
- Check grill hoses for cracking, brittleness, holes, and leaks.
- To check for any leaks, use a cup of water with dish soap and pour over the valve and hose. If a leak is present, you will see bubbles at the leak.
- Place the grill well away from the home, deck railings and **NEVER** under eaves and tree branches and any combustible materials.
- Clean your grill regularly to keep grease or fat from building-up.
- Check your propane tank for the proper valve handle. As of April 1, 2002, the three prong design replaced the five prong design.
- Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquid to a fire.
- **Always read the owners manual before using the grill for the first time and each year.**
- If you live in an apartment, townhome or a rental home, check with your landlord if gas and/or charcoal grills are allowed.

