

General Grilling Safety

Fire in the grill, under hot dogs and burgers, is a welcome sight at the cookout but fire anywhere else can make the summer barbeque memorable for all the wrong reasons. Follow these general guidelines to stay safe while grilling:



- Grills must only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from all buildings, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets away from the grilling area.
- Keep the grill a safe distance from sitting areas, recreation spaces, and pathways.
- Keep the grill clean by removing grease or food buildup from the grates and from trays below the grill.
- Only use a grill the way it was intended

Never Leave a Lit Grill Unattended

Natural gas/Propane Grills:

Before you use your grill:

- Check the gas tank for damage.
- Check the major connection points: between the tank hose and the regulator/cylinder and where the hose connects to the burners. Tighten if loose.
- Make sure there are no sharp bends in the hose or tubing.
- Check the tubes that lead into the burner for any blockage.
- Open the lid before turning on the gas. Do not allow gas to build up before lighting.
- Check the gas tank hose for the potential leaks.
 - Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose using a brush or spray bottle.
 - Turn the propane tank on. If there is a gas leak, the propane will cause bubbles.
- If there are bubbles, turn off the tank and check connections. Have your grill serviced by a professional before using it again.
- If the leak doesn't stop, call 9-1-1.

When the Grill is on:

- As you are cooking, if you smell gas, turn off the gas tank and burners.
- If the leak stops immediately, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again.
- If the smell continues, move away from the grill and call 9-1-1. Do not attempt to move the grill.
- Keep gas hoses away from hot surfaces and dripping grease.
- Use long-handled grilling tools to give clearance from heat and flames.
- Do not wear loose fitting clothing while grilling.
- Never leave grill unattended when it is on.

When you are finished cooking:

- Grills should be cleaned. **Dirty grills cause fires!!**
- Clean grease and food buildup in trays below the grill.
- Turn off the gas cylinder.
- Cover the grill for protection. Make sure grill is cool before placing the cover.

Additional Information:

- Never use gas cylinders that are past their legal use date.
- Never store or use flammable liquids, like gasoline, near the grill.
- Always keep gas containers upright.
- When transporting gas containers, secure them in the vehicle in an upright position.
- Never keep a tank in a hot car/trunk.
- Keep propane cylinders with grill
- A maximum of 2 tanks should be maintained. One on the grill and one spare.

If you have a grill fire or smell gas while cooking, close cover and turn grill off if you can safely reach. If the fire does not self-extinguish, move a safe distance away and call 911.

Home Grill Fire Locations
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