



BBQ Safety and General Grilling Tips

Summer is here and families and friends are getting together to enjoy the outdoors. This means barbequing and grilling will be in full swing. To keep you and your loved ones safe, follow these guidelines:

General grilling tips

- Always use propane and charcoal BBQ grills outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. Be aware of the grill location outside.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grill surface and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.



Before you use your grill

- Check the major connection points between the gas (propane) tank hose and the regulator and cylinder and where the hose connects to the burners. Tighten if loose.
- Check the gas (propane) tank hose for potential gas leaks. To do that, apply a light soap and water solution to the hose using a brush or spray bottle. Turn the propane tank on, and if bubbles appear around the hose (big enough to see), there is a gas leak.
- If bubbles are observed, turn off the tank and check connections. You may need to have the grill serviced by a professional.

When the grill is on

- When you are cooking, if you smell gas, turn off the gas tank **and** burners immediately.
- If the smell continues, move away from the grill and call the fire department immediately. Do not move the grill.
- If the leak stops immediately, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again.

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Charcoal Grills

- Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the coals when they are lit.
- Store charcoal fluid away from children, pets and heat sources.
- If you are using an electric charcoal starter, be sure to use an extension cord rated for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals cool completely before disposing in a metal container.

Source NFPA, National Fire Protection Association

<https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/By-topic/Top-causes-of-fire/Cooking/Grilling/Grilling-safety-tips>

