

Barbeque & Grill Safety

When warm weather hits, we like to get outside and grill. However, due to lack of safety practices, many injuries and deaths will occur from explosions, fire and CO fumes. This pamphlet is created to help you become aware of the dangers with grilling and how to make your outdoor cooking experience safer.

Gas Grill Safety Tips:

- If you have an older tank with five prongs on the valve handle, trade it in for a newer, safer tank which contains valve handles with three lobes and an over-fill prevention device.
- Check hoses for cracking, brittleness, holes, and leaks making sure there are no sharp bends
- Move gas hoses as far away as possible from hot surfaces and dripping hot grease
- Always keep propane gas containers upright
- Never store a spare gas container under or near the grill or indoors
- Never store or use flammable liquids, like gasoline, near the grill
- Never keep a filled container in a hot car or car trunk
- Heat will cause the gas pressure to increase, which may open the relief valve and allow gas to escape
- Keep children away from hot grill
- Have a fire extinguisher handy and ready to use in the event of an emergency

Charcoal Grill Safety Tips:

- Due to CO fumes, never burn charcoal inside homes, vehicles, tents or campers even if ventilation is provided
- Do not store the grill indoors until all the charcoal is completely extinguished
- Keep children away from hot grill

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