



TOWN OF WELLESLEY



FIRE RESCUE DEPT.

Grill Season Safety Tips

(Courtesy of All Hands Herald)

For all grills:

- Grills should only be used outdoors.
- Grills must be 10 feet from the side of the building.
- Be sure grills are not underneath overhanging branches.
- Grills must not be used on a porch, balcony, or deck with a roof, overhang, or wall.
- Grills must not be used on fire escapes.
- Grills may be used on an open first-floor porch, deck, or patio if there is an outdoor stairway to the ground, or the porch is at ground level.
- Never leave a burning grill unattended.
- Keep all matches, lighters, and lighter fluid away from children.
- Keep children and pets at least 3 feet away from grills.

For gas grills:

- Follow the instructions in your owner's manual for the care and maintenance of your gas grill.
- Open the grill lid when you light it. Propane can build up inside and if ignited it could blow the lid off.
- If you smell gas while cooking, turn off the grill and get away. Call 911 from a safe location.
- Do not move the grill.
- Always turn off the burners and close the propane cylinder when done cooking.

For charcoal grills:

- Use only charcoal starter fluid. Gas and kerosene should not be used to start a fire in a grill. Never add lighter fluid to burning briquettes or hot coals.
- Burning charcoal briquettes give off carbon monoxide, a colorless, odorless gas that can be deadly. Always use charcoal grills in a well-ventilated area. Never use charcoal grills indoors.
- For proper disposal of ashes, allow the coals to burn out completely and cool for 48 hours before disposal.
- If you must dispose of ashes before they are completely cooled, thoroughly soak them in water before putting them in a metal container.