

BARBECUE SAFETY



Barbecuing is a year-round pastime for many Edmontonians. These safety tips will help you to use your grill safely.

Never leave a lit grill unattended and never move a lit barbecue.

Keep the grilling area clean and clear of combustibles.

- + Place the barbecue at least 3 feet (1 metre) away from the home, deck railings and out from under eavestroughs and overhanging branches.
- + Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in the trays below.

Protect children and pets.

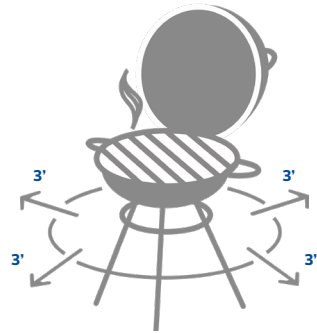
- + Establish a "kid-free" and/or "pet-free" zone of at least 3 feet (1 metre) around the grilling area.

Operate your grill safely.

- + Only use gas/propane and charcoal barbecues outdoors.
- + When lighting your barbecue, have the match or lighter already burning with the barbecue lid open before you turn on the propane.

Prevent burns and injuries.

- + Wear clothing with short or tight sleeves when cooking. Loose clothing can catch fire if it comes in contact with a gas flame or electric burner.



GAS / PROPANE BARBECUE MAINTENANCE TIP:

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year by applying the soapy bubble test. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles.

- + If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or by the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill.
- + If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again.
- + Call 911 for the fire department if the leak does not stop.

Fire Fact

Did you know? Grilling in the garage (even with the door open) does not allow for enough ventilation and could cause an accumulation of carbon monoxide.

GAS / PROPANE BARBECUES

- + **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call 911.** Do not move the grill.
- + If the flame goes out, turn off the grill and gas. Wait at least 5 minutes before re-lighting it.
- + Never check for leaks with an open flame.
- + Make sure the burner holes and tubes connected to the burners are free of rust and debris, and that the burner throat (where propane enters the burner), is free of dust or cobwebs.
- + In order to prevent propane from getting trapped in the hose after each use, turn off the propane tank cylinder valve first, then the "ON/OFF" valve on the barbecue.

CHARCOAL BARBECUES

- + Never use gasoline to get a charcoal barbecue started. Instead, use charcoal lighting fluid or solid fuel starter, as per product manufacturer's recommendations.
- + Wait at least 1 minute before lighting fluid-soaked coals in order for explosive vapours to dissipate.
- + Never spray lighter fluid on hot coals.
- + Always extinguish the coals when you've finished barbecuing. Use oven mitts and tongs to submerge the coals in a metal pail of water.
- + Always use the lid provided with charcoal barbecues.

Note: Solid fuel barbecues are prohibited for apartment use.



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YOUR HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLAN.
ALWAYS KNOW TWO WAYS OUT
OF EACH ROOM.



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SAVE LIVES
TEST YOUR ALARMS MONTHLY