



# Columbia Fire Department

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## Grill Safety

Fire under hot dogs and burgers on the grill is a welcome sight at the family cookout; but fire anywhere else can make your barbecue memorable for all the wrong reasons. Read the following tips to avoid injuries and structure fires.

- Never operate grills and other open flame cooking devices on combustible balconies and decks or within 10 feet of a structure
- Set up the grill in open area away from low hanging tree limbs, dry leaves, and brush
- Check hoses and propane tanks for leaks
- Make the area around the grill a no play zone
- Avoid wearing long hanging clothes
- Never grill inside of garages and carports
- Avoid using grills on the balconies and patios of apartments and condos
- Do not use deep fryers on decks
- If you use a charcoal grill, purchase the proper starting fluid.
- Never burn charcoal and propane grills inside of homes, vehicles, tents, or campers.
- Since charcoal produces CO fumes, do not store the grill indoors until the charcoal is completely extinguished
- If you must dispose of the ashes before fully cooled, soak them completely in water before putting them in a non-combustible container.