



Grilling Safety

During Summer, many people love to grill in the backyard. Families and friends get together to spend time outdoors, and the food is delicious. As it is with any other cooking appliance, there are fire hazards when using a grill. It is essential that the chef be aware of these hazards and how to prevent them.

Safety Tips

- Charcoal and propane grills must only be used outside, a safe distance from your house or deck railings.
- Because grass is flammable, grills must be kept off grass and only used on a patio area, porch, or a safe area of driveway.
- When finished using a charcoal grill, make sure coals are completely cooled before disposal.
- Keep a fire extinguisher and grill mitts nearby at all times.

Maintenance

- Start cooking with a clean surface.
- Regularly clean grease build up from cooking surface with a wire brush.
- Clean the inside of a charcoal grill with a steel wool pad and dish soap.
- Check for gas leaks on a propane grill.
- If stored outside, protect the grill by keeping underneath a vinyl cover.
- Check propane levels regularly.

Resources

[NFPA Grilling Safety Tips](#)

[BBQ Grill Safety](#)

[Maintenance Checklist](#)

[How to Light a Charcoal Grill](#)

[How to Light Gas Grill](#)



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