



BARBECUE SAFETY TIPS

The Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association (HPBA) wishes everyone a happy barbecue season.

To make certain your barbecue is safe, HPBA makes the following safety recommendations:

- If bringing the barbecue out of winter storage, be sure it's on a stable base to prevent it from tipping.
- If your barbecue is gas, check the tubes that lead into the burner for any blockage from insects or old grease. Clean with pipe cleaner.
- Check gas grill hoses for cracking, brittleness or leaks.
- Avoid putting the grill under low hanging trees or patio covers. Never use a grill indoors. Use at least 10 feet from house, garage and carport.
- If using charcoal, never add fluid after the grill has already been lit. And, after the unit has been lit, be certain the starter fluid container is tightly closed and that matches or lighters are stored well away from flame and a child's reach. Never use gasoline to start a charcoal fire.
- Don't permit children to play near the barbecue when in use. The unit is deceiving because a child may think only the inside is hot. Never leave a barbecue unsupervised.
- Avoid wearing loose-fitting clothing which may come in contact with flames.
- Remember to keep a bucket of water, garden hose or fire extinguisher nearby to do use out-of-control flames.
- Always let coals cool overnight before disposing of them.
- Never store propane tanks in your home or attached garage.
- When using a natural or propane gas barbecue, be sure all connections are tight. Before using your barbecue for first time each season, check all connections for leaks using a soapy water solution.
- Always carefully follow the manufacturer's instructions for lighting and using your barbecue.

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