

WHERE THERE'S SMOKE...

Did you know:

- Bonfires and other open fires/burning are prohibited in the City of Clemson.
- Grills should never be used on covered porches or decks unless there are sprinklers installed.
- Batteries in smoke detectors need to be checked and changed regularly.
- All bedrooms need to have two ways in and out, as well as, having a working smoke detector.



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FIRE PREVENTION & SAFETY

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FIRE PREVENTION TIPS

OPEN BURNING:

City Ordinance section 8-8

(a) Offense enumerated.

It shall be unlawful for any person to start, or cause to be started, a fire to burn leaves or any other substance within the city limits. This section shall not prohibit supervised cooking fires, built-in fireplaces, grills or barbecue pits, **that are in compliance with proper construction, distance, environmental, and safety requirements.**

(b) Enforcement action.

The Fire Marshal, .Police Department, or Code Enforcement Officer may issue a uniform ordinance summons to the responsible agent or owner for violation of this section. Continued violation of this section at the same property may also result in a warrant for the arrest of the responsible agent.

OPEN FLAMES

International Fire Code Section 308.3.3

Open flames such as from candles, lanterns, kerosene heaters, and gas-fired heaters shall not be located on or near decorative material or similar combustible materials.



SAFETY TIPS FOR PROPANE AND CHARCOAL GRILLS.

- Have a fire extinguisher a safe distance from the grill, **(and know how to use it)**.
- Position the grill **(a minimum of ten feet)** from combustibles such as, structure, vehicles, deck railings, eaves, overhanging branches, and position the grill on a level surface.
- Place the grill a safe distance from lawn games, foot traffic, and doorways.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area. (Declare a minimum three foot area around the grill). Never leave the grill unattended, especially with children present.
- Do not grill inside a garage or enclosed area, even with doors and windows open.
- When grilling, be aware of any wind that may blow cinders from the grill. When finished grilling, close all the grill vents and the lid, and let cool.
- Use long-handle grilling tools, mitts, hot pads, to give you plenty of clearance from the heat and flames. Do not use long sleeve clothing when using the grill.
- Remove grease buildup in trays below the grill prior to use, so it won't be ignited by the grill and cause an uneven burn and flair up.
- Always empty your used ashes in a metal container with a tight fitting lid, do not store the container indoors.
- Never start a propane grill with the lid closed. Gas can accumulate and when the grill is lit, it can cause an explosion.
- Check your propane grill for leaks, cracks, kinked hose, or any unsafe items.
- Propane cylinders must always be upright, whether in storage, transportation, or use.

- Contact with propane liquid will cause a freeze burn to skin. Do not rub, cover with a clean dry towel, and call for medical help.
- When not using the grill, cover propane hose-ends and burner intakes with plastic bags.
- Store propane cylinders in the upright position. Never store propane cylinders indoors, or near a heat source.
- To prevent grilling flare ups, move the cooking grid up and lower the heat source.
- Do to use water to extinguish a grease fire.
- Never add starter fluid after you have started your barbecue to speed or rekindle the fire, this may cause a flash back to the fluid container and you. Light the coals carefully, using long stem matches, in case of a flame-flare up.
- Propane grills, turn off the burners. If you can safely reach the tank valve **safely**, shut it off. If the fire involves the tank, leave it alone, **evacuate** the area, and **call the fire department.**
- Charcoal grills, close the grill lid and do not open until the fire is completely out.
- Electric grills, disconnect the power to the grill.

NOTE: Every year, people are killed or injured in fires and explosions caused by malfunction or careless use of grills. If you use common sense, follow your owners manual and practice the safety tips provided above. Your barbecues will be safe, fun, and trouble-free.

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