

Propane Gas Grill Safety Tips

Fact: In 2006, gas and charcoal grills caused 700 structure fires and 3,600 outdoor fires in or on home properties, resulting in a combined direct



property loss of \$30 million.

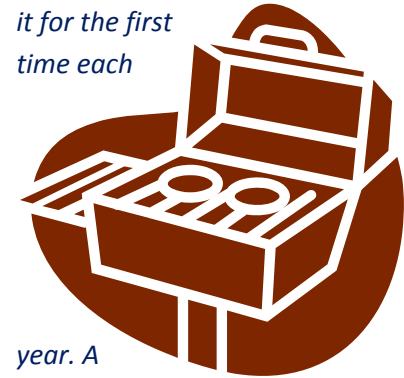
Fact: Half of all gas-grill home structure fires begin on an exterior balcony or unenclosed porch.

In an effort to avoid any problems and to insure a safe and enjoyable summer season in Saltaire, we offer the following tips.

- Always use your grill outside in a well ventilated area. Never bring or store cylinders inside or into an enclosed space such as an enclosed porch or a shed.
- Position the grill well away from siding, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.

- Use Flame-resistant pad(s) under the barbecue. Limited quantities are available at the village office or can be purchased directly from any home center.
- Propane is a liquid hydrocarbon that vaporizes into a colorless, odorless, highly flammable gas. In properly maintained and operated systems, propane is completely safe. However, it can be extremely dangerous if an uncontrolled release of propane occurs. In order to detect an uncontrolled release of propane, an odorant (usually ethyl mercaptan) is added to the propane.
- Do not allow children to tamper or play with the cylinder or grill. Maintain a three foot safe area around the barbecue.
- Do not wear loose fitting clothing while barbecuing.
- Keep grill covered when not in use however, make sure the grill is shut off and cooled down before covering.
- Do not smoke in or near propane cylinders.

- Check the gas cylinder hose and connections for leaks before using it for the first time each



- year. A light soap and water solution applied to the hose and fittings will reveal escaping gas by releasing bubbles. If you determine that your grill has a gas leak either through the bubble test or if you smell gas and there is no flame, turn off the tank and contact a qualified propane contractor. If the leak persists with the tank off, leave the area and call the fire department immediately.
- NEVER USE MATCHES OR A LIGHTER TO CHECK FOR LEAKS!!!!
 - Always use and store propane cylinders in an upright, vertical position. Store tanks away from all potential sources of ignition.

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- *Propane cylinders are to be attached to the barbecue in the appropriate location.*
- *Make sure the grill burner controls are turned off and keep the cylinder valve closed when not in use.*
- *Use long handled grilling tools to give the chef plenty of clearance from the heat and flames while cooking.*
- *NEVER leave the barbecue unattended while in use.*
- *Periodically remove grease and fat that has built up in the trays below the grill as eventually it will ignite from the heat of the barbecue.*
- *At the end of the season, after disconnecting the propane tank, cover the disconnected hose-end fittings and burner air intakes with small plastic bags or protective fitting caps to keep out dirt, moisture and insects.*
- *If you repaint your barbecue shell, choose a high heat, fire-resistant paint. If you repaint your gas cylinder, use only white paint. NEVER PAINT A TANK BLACK OR SIMILAR COLOR. IT IS ILLEGAL AND*

THE EXTRA HEAT ABSORBED BY THE TANK CAN CAUSE OVER-PRESSURIZATION.

- *If there is a significant and uncontrollable release of gas or a fire, call the fire department immediately and move all people and pets away from the area.*

Village codes relating to Outdoor cooking

Outdoor cooking (“barbecuing”) shall not be permitted in the Incorporated Village of Saltaire except (i) by use of a propane gas powered grill or any other heat source approved by the Board of Trustees and (ii) if the owner of the property on which the outdoor cooking is to be conducted holds a valid Outdoor Cooking Permit obtained by application at the village office. NO OTHER OUTDOOR COOKING OR FIRES ARE PERMITTED.

Outdoor cooking is only permitted between the hours of 12:00 noon and 9:00PM

Grills must be attended to at all times during use and be kept well clear of any combustible material, 15 feet away from any adjacent house, and rest upon a fire

retardant platform. Grills are permitted on second floor decks only if there is direct exterior egress to the ground or if they are hard-piped to an approved ground level tank assembly.

Outdoor grills and propane tank installations are subject to inspection by the village Fire Marshal. Property owners are responsible for the safe and lawful use of grills by family members, guests and tenants. Grills must be maintained in proper working order and comply with all requirements and regulations of the Village Code and the New York State Fire Prevention Code.

All propane tanks must be installed, used maintained and removed in accordance with Village Regulations. Propane tanks used for grilling on all properties other than those of year-round residents must be removed from the village by no later than November 30 of each year and may not be brought back until April first of a subsequent year.

An annual permit is required for all propane and natural gas tanks.

Enjoy a safe summer season!! vos010-6/09

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